OPRS Human Research Protection Program: Improvements Plan Rollout

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Why Now and How?

- As a result of faculty input
- In preparation for WebIRB
- As part of accreditation requirements
- Roll out in three phases
- Over next four to six weeks
- Feedback welcome
Phase I

- Improved OPRS Human Research website
- Updated policies and guidance posted
- Revised Exempt Certification Forms
- Revised social/behavioral consent templates
- PI Self Certification Form for Non-Human Subject Research Determination
- Revised post approval reporting forms and decision trees: adverse events, violations and incidents, other updated safety information
Phase II

- Elimination of the requirement for IRB “administrative” approvals for
  - grants with indefinite plans for the use of human subjects at the time of grant award (e.g., training grants) and
  - for grants with multiple protocols that each have their own IRB approval (e.g., program projects or center grants)
Phase II (continued)

- Revised Continuing Review form
- New Application for Studies Involving No Subject Contact
- Dedicated IRB staff for expedited processing of studies that qualify for expedited review
- Surveys posted for Researchers and Research Participants to elicit feedback
Phase III

- Revised HS-1, divided into two versions
  - Social Behavioral/Health Services
  - Biomedical
- Application Supplements
- 34 more translations of Bill of Rights
- Posting of IRB approval packets on the Office of Research portal