

IRB UPDATES

New for 2011-2012

The UNCG Institutional Review Board (IRB) strives to improve continually the institutional quality of human participant research protections. With this goal in mind, please be aware of the following procedural changes and new documents. All changes are effective August 15, 2011 and all documents are available through the IRB website (<http://www.uncg.edu/orc>)

- ***The ORC goes green!***
We have significantly reduced the pages of our applications and formatted them so that it will take less time *and* energy.
- ***Toll Free Number***
The ORC now has an 800 number that should be added to consent forms and any other document that refers people to the ORC. This will allow those populations that don't have personal phone access the ability to contact us if and when necessary.
- ***Mock IRB's for Classes***
The Progressive IRB chair and Assistant Director to the ORC will conduct in class educational sessions on the function of protocol review. Upon request sample protocols will be presented to the class for evaluation. Guidance will be provided on ethical and regulatory perspectives.
- ***Guidance of DXA Scans***
The Original IRB has developed guidance on pregnancy testing for females of child bearing age when they are being scanned. See IRB SOP's (7.5.12) for more details.
- ***Document Name Change***
Due to the increased usage and discussion about NIH Certificates of Confidentiality the ORC has changed the name of the UNCG "Certificate of Confidentiality" to the "Statement of Confidentiality" to reduce confusion.
- ***New Federal Rules Around Maintaining Data***
An investigator can retain and use data collected from participants that have withdrawn or the investigator has terminated their involvement in the study. However, if the participant requests that the investigator destroy their data the investigator must honor this request. Both UNCG IRB's will require a notification to participants in both the informed consent form and consent process. To read the entire federal document can be read at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/subjectwithdrawal.html>
- ***Closure form***
There will be a new separate form for closing a study. The Renewal form will no longer be used for the closure of a study. See IRB SOP's (7.6.7) for more details.
- ***Updated website***
The ORC website has been redesigned with a new look and feel. Please visit the site to become familiar with it.
- ***SOP & form annual update***
The IRB annually reviews all forms and the SOPs and has made several changes to these documents. All updated documents are available on the IRB webpage. There were no changes to the Modification and Renewal forms.
- ***Updated FAQ's***
New questions have been added to the IRB FAQ's and new HIPAA FAQ's have been added.
- ***Survey Harassment***
In a study using an on-line survey, the IRB has agreed that as long as there is a clear explanation of how to opt-out of future recruitment emails from the study, that the survey may contact the potential participants an unlimited amount of times. If there is no opt-out option, then the PI may make only *three* attempts to contact a potential participant. See IRB SOP's (11.2) for more details.