



## News from Your IRB: April 2017

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**Use our online “chat” feature:** Do you have a quick question for the IRB team? Now you can chat with us during Office Hours (Tuesdays 10-12 and Thursdays 2-4). Click the “live support” button on our homepage ([www.irb.cornell.edu](http://www.irb.cornell.edu)) to be connected to a staff member. The chat feature will be offline the rest of the time, but if you send a message we will get it via email and respond by the next business day. The chat feature is still in beta testing - we welcome your feedback.

**New guidance for biomedical procedures:** Standard SOPs and template consent forms for commonly used biomedical procedures like venipuncture (blood collection) and capillary blood draws (finger sticks) are now available [online](#). The forms are editable to allow researchers to add their study-specific information to approved templates. Stay tuned for documents on more procedures, including fMRI!

**Revised regulations expected in 2018:** The Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (known as the “Common Rule,” under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations, 45 CFR part 46) has been [revised](#). The changes are expected to reduce requirements for exempt and expedited reviews of human subject research. The new rule is under review by the Trump administration and we expect that it will go into effect in January 2018. We will inform you of the final date and changes to our processes and procedures in the coming months.

**Does research done for program evaluation need IRB review?** Are you collecting data from human subjects for the sole purpose of improving a program? Are you wondering whether this is research that must be approved by the IRB? Our online [decision tree](#) is a great resource in making this and other assessments about the need for IRB review. The guided questions will help you apply the complicated rules to your specific situation. As always, please feel free to call, email or visit our office for advice on your project.

## Get in touch with your IRB Team

### **During Office Hours**

**Tuesdays, 10 AM-12 PM and Thursdays, 2-4 PM**

In person: East Hill Office Building, Suite 320 (accessible via 82 bus)

By phone: 255-6182, 254-5162, or 255-5168

Live chat: click chat "button" on [www.irb.cornell.edu](http://www.irb.cornell.edu)

### **At other times**

Via email: [irbhp@cornell.edu](mailto:irbhp@cornell.edu). Expect a response within 1 business day.

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