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News from Your IRB: November 2016

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Check the status of your IRB protocol: Log in here. Check approval and upcoming expiration dates for all protocols for which you are a PI, faculty advisor or a research team member.

New consent language on data sharing: The standard consent templates now include language informing participants that their de-identified or coded data may be shared. This is in response to the expectation from many journals and sponsors that researchers make research data available to the research community. See our updated social/behavioral and biomedical consent templates.

- We strongly recommend using this or similar language on your consent form, to avoid issues such as the potential need to later re-contact participants to obtain consent to share
- For a list of journals that requiring data archiving as a prerequisite to publication, click here

Standardized templates for biomedical procedures: Standard, editable SOPs and consent forms for commonly used biomedical procedures like venipuncture (blood collection) are being developed and made available online for researchers who may need to use these procedures in research. The templates are approved by the IRB, and editable to allow researchers to add study specific information, while the terms and language required by the IRB are left intact. We expect that using these templates will make protocol writing easier for researchers and review easier and faster for IRB members.

Avoid pitfalls in your MTurk study: The IRB has recently received complaints from people recruited for Cornell research through Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk). These complaints can often be taxing for the researcher and the IRB, and cause genuine angst for participants, and can easily be avoided. See IRB Policy 20 for guidance on studies using MTurk and other social media.

Please remember to:

- Address any conditions for receiving full compensation
- Assign adequate, fair and, when possible, generous time for participants to complete a “HIT”
- Provide PI’s contact information in the consent statement

Get your application right the first time: The single most significant contributor to delays in protocol approval, is an incomplete application submitted to the IRB office. We urge you to take the time to send in a complete application the very first time, so that your review process can go smoothly. Use templates when possible, check out the FAQs for nuances, and consult IRB guidance on special topics, and complete training before submitting applications. Common omissions that delay IRB approval include:

- Research personnel who have not completed or renewed required training
- A faculty advisor has not reviewed and signed off on a student project
- The consent or survey/interview questions are not included

Get in touch with your IRB Team

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