Research is constantly evolving along with new techniques and guidelines. We would like to use this newsletter as a means to keep the research community aware of these changes.

Additional emails will be provided in a timely manner when they consist of the following issues:
- new federal regulations
- revised policy and procedures
- revised applications
- meeting updates

Reaccreditation

We are currently in the process of “reaccreditation”. As in the initial accreditation, Principal Investigators will be chosen at random to be interviewed by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP). You will be notified approximately two weeks prior to the interviews. Our office will work with you and provide you with information that may be relevant for this interview. The date range for the site visit is November 28 – January 13, 2012. We will announce the actual dates as soon as they become available.

Privacy versus Confidentiality

*Privacy* can be defined in terms of having control over the extent, timing, and circumstances of sharing oneself (physically, behaviorally, or intellectually) with others.

*Confidentiality* pertains to the treatment of information that an individual has disclosed in a relationship of trust and with the expectation that it will not be divulged to others in ways that are inconsistent with the understanding of the original disclosure, without permission.

Recruitment contact information

As a reminder we are requesting that all Principal Investigators who use Centralized networks of online communities or social network (i.e. Craigslist, Facebook) for recruitment, please specify who to contact for any questions regarding scheduling an appointment or cancelling an appointment. The HSRRC office has received numerous telephone calls from subjects regarding this issue. We always try to accommodate and provide the subjects with information on the correct contact, but sometimes we are not able to.

Fall Meeting Schedule

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Protocol Closure Notifications

Reminder to faculty (please share this information with those students who list you as their faculty supervisor) please complete and forward to our office the Protocol Closure Form when the research is completed. Research can be closed when all four of the following questions can be answered “yes”.

1. Is the research is permanently closed to enrollment?
2. Have all subjects completed all research-related interventions?
3. Is the collection of private identifiable information completed?
4. Is the analysis of private identifiable information completed?
Human Subjects Research Assessment Tool

As noted in our Policy and Procedures “The HSRRC encourages a “teamwork” model between the Binghamton University Researchers and the HSRRC. In order to facilitate this environment it is important to communicate with the researchers and to allow the researcher the opportunity to provide feedback, both positive and negative to the HSRRC.”

This is achieved through the use of an anonymous survey. Once again we will be contacting you requesting completion of the survey. Past surveys reflect the following:

![Likert Scale Chart]

- Procedural Justice (how the decisions are made)
- IRB Outreach (offerings to assist researchers)
- Interpersonal Justice (treating investigators respectfully, lack of arrogance)
- IRB Formal Functioning, Structure, and Composition
- Pro-Science Sensitivity
- Bias
- Competence
- Upholding the Rights of Human Participants

HHS Announces Proposal to Improve Rules Protecting Human Research Subjects

Changes under consideration would ensure the highest standards of protections for human subjects involved in research, while enhancing effectiveness of oversight

“The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the federal government is contemplating various ways of enhancing the regulations overseeing research on human subjects. Before making changes to the regulations – which have been in place since 1991 and are often referred to as the Common Rule…The proposed changes are designed to strengthen protections for human research subjects.” [http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/]

The actual document is 92 pages long. A more succinct outline of these changes was made available in “Read a table comparing existing regulation with changes in the ANPRM”. Listed below are just two of the changes:

| Issue 10: Research that poses | This list would be updated now, and at | Determinations about the risks |
minimal risk and includes only research activities in a list approved by the HHS Secretary is eligible to be reviewed in an “expedited” manner (e.g., with one reviewer, instead of a convened IRB).

regular intervals, using appropriate data about risks to the extent possible.

imposed by various research activities should be based upon appropriate data.

| Issue 11: Research that is eligible for expedited review requires continuing review at least annually. | Continuing review would not be required of studies that are eligible for expedited review unless the reviewer, at the time of initial review, determines that continuing review is required, and documents why. | Research eligible for expedited review can involve only research activities that are included in the approved list. These activities are well-understood and it would be very unlikely that research involving such activities would lead to the new or unexpected risks with which continuing review is intended to deal. |

The complete list is available in the link below:
http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/anprmchangetable.html

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