

IRB NEWSLETTER

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In This Issue...

Continuing Education

Three ORPC staff attended the annual conference for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research.

IRB Website: Ongoing Construction

Bear with us as we work toward a more user-friendly interface!

New Year, New Documents!

This spring, the IRB plans to provide several new resources.

IRB Community Outreach

Will you see us at an upcoming event?

Developments in Post Approval Monitoring

Non-exempt IRB protocols are eligible for PAM review at the time of closure.



Continuing Education

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Last November, the Office of Research Protections & Compliance sent three staff to the annual conference for Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) in Seattle, WA. Both Emily Redding (IRB) and Katie Bankert (IACUC) participated in pre-conference workshops, while Tory Williams (IRB) felt lucky to be on the winning team for IRB Trivia! Each of our attendees were able to learn from many different stakeholders and experts in research participant ethics so that we're better prepared to growth our programs at UMBC. If funding allows, we hope to return to PRIM&R for their 2025 conference, which will focus on Social & Behavioral Research and be hosted at our home turf in Baltimore!

If you notice a difference in the IRB Website interface, it's likely because ORPC staff are working to create a more user-friendly layout. If you're a longtime user of our website, please know that all the same information and resources are still available. We have several more updates on the horizon, including new resources (see below) that need to find their place. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience as we reorganize our online presence for all our users. Please reach out if you experience difficulty locating a resource!

Website Updates



Resource Development



IRB staff are working closely with the IRB Chair and Membership to develop and share updated standard operating procedures (SOPs) relevant to our work and our stakeholders' needs. We are also revising some of our templates to assist PIs in drafting IRB documents. Review-type decision charts and related visuals are in the resource-development pipeline. Once approved, these resources will be included among our ongoing website updates.

IRB staff continue to educate groups across campus on human subjects research protections & compliance. Last month, we presented to the Aging Forum for the Doctoral program in Gerontology at UMB/UMBC. In March, we'll visit our U-RISE scholars and assist RCR Training; in April, we're headed to the Faculty Development Center to discuss Scholarship in Teaching & Learning research! Email IRB@umbc.edu if you'd like us to join your upcoming faculty meeting, research class, or other gathering.

IRB & You!



Do you have a non-Exempt IRB protocol?

Post approval monitoring (PAM) is underway for non-exempt research. Additionally, if you are closing your study, you may be asked to complete a PAM review. We will continue to communicate with our current and future PIs on what to expect, and how to prepare for PAM review. Related questions can be directed to compliance@umbc.edu.

Upcoming Convened IRB Meetings

| Full Board Review Protocol Due Date | Meeting Date 10am-12pm |
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| March 7, 2025 | April 7, 2025 |
| May 2, 2025 | June 2, 2025 |