IRB NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025-2026

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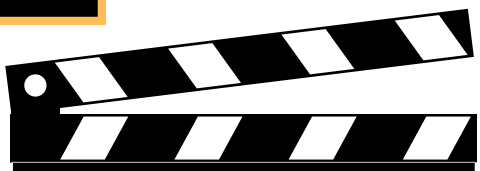
IRB Support Webinar Series

Please consider attending one of the upcoming webinars facilitated by staff of the Human Research Protections & Integrity department (IRB@umbc.edu):

Students Conducting Human Subjects Research: Essential information for student principal investigators
Friday February 6th, 2026 · 12 - 1 PM
Click Here to Register!

Faculty Advisor Essentials: Supporting Student PIs of Human Subjects Research
Monday February 23rd, 2026 · 12 - 1 PM
Click Here to Register!

In case you missed it...a webinar on IRB Basics for Research Administrators was offered on January 28th. Email IRB@UMBC.EDU if we should offer this session again!



Regulatory Guidance for Academic Research of Drugs and Devices

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ENG 328 (Mondays & Wednesdays)

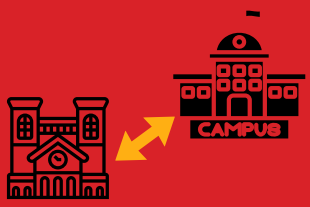
HTTPS://RESEARCH.UMBC.EDU/INSTITUTIONAL-REVIEW-BOARD-HUMAN-SUBJECTS/

Debunking Myths: **NHSR**

The Myth: a 'Not Human Subjects Research' (NHSR) determination from the IRB means that my study is not "research."

The Reality: Both research and non-research studies can qualify for a NHSR determination. In order for a study to be eligible for either Exempt or Non-Exempt (i.e., Expedited, Full) review, it must be designed in such a way to be both a) research, and b) *about* human subjects (i.e., specific populations). A study may meet criteria (a) if it is a systematic investigation designed to contribute results as generalizable knowledge. The study may meet criteria (b) if it surveys populations for data about themselves (e.g., their opinions, their traits, their circumstances, etc.). However, many studies that meet criteria (a) also survey people, but the research hypothesis and survey questions are designed to gather information about something nonpersonal or not population-specific; such that the results tell us more about a "thing" (i.e., a program, a phenomenon, an enrivonment, etc.) rather than telling us about a group of people.

External Reliance



Are you a PI of a multi-site, non-Exempt study requiring IRB approval? Will your external collaborator's institution serve as the "reviewing IRB" for the related human subjects research you conduct at UMBC? If yes, then you will need to establish an External Reliance Agreement through a Kuali application. Our website provides guidance on this procedure. Once the External Reliance application is approved by UMBC, PIs will be notified of their respective responsibilities, which can be previewed by clicking here.

Post Approval Monitoring

To maintain consistency and reduce bias, Post Approval Monitoring will occur for every non-exempt IRB protocol closure request, moving forward. For similar reasoning, if a non-exempt protocol has not collected signed informed consent forms from participants, without a waiver of documented consent in place, then a protocol deviation report will be issued.

PRIM&R 2025

This past November, multiple ORPC staff attended the annual PRIM&R conference in Baltimore. We look forward to applying our expanded learning to develop new tools and updated procedures that allow an improved IRB experience at UMBC.

Introducing the...

IRB / HRPI Feedback Form

A new way to provide anonymous feedback to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or the Human Research Protections & Integrity (HRPI) staff! Keep an eye out for the form's hyperlink on our Newsletters, Website, and Kuali applications.

Upcoming Full Institutional Review Board Meetings

Kuali Proposal Due Date	Meeting Date 10am-12pm
March 13, 2026	April 13, 2026
May 1, 2026	June 1, 2026