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## KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

This newsletter is designed to get timely and useful information to the IRB research community. Please email [HRPO@umaryland.edu](mailto:HRPO@umaryland.edu) if you have suggestions and topics for future newsletters.



### FROM THE IRB CHAIR

New research direction? Have questions about the IRB process? Please reach out to the IRB Chair before preparing a new or amended protocol for direction and guidance. The IRB Chair would be happy to discuss and help facilitate your research endeavors. Contact the IRB Chair at [IRB\\_Chair@umaryland.edu](mailto:IRB_Chair@umaryland.edu).

### CALL FOR IRB MEMBERS

The UMB IRB is seeking new membership. Both scientific and non-scientific members are needed, including representation from the West Baltimore community. Prior IRB experience is not necessary. Full orientation and training will be provided.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining UMB's IRB, please email [HRPO@umaryland.edu](mailto:HRPO@umaryland.edu) with the subject "IRB Volunteer".

### DID YOU MISS A GRAND ROUND OR HRPO INFORMATION SESSION?

HRPO maintains a library of recordings of past Grand Rounds and information sessions, which can be found here:  
<https://www.umaryland.edu/hrp/for-researchers/instructional-videos/hrp-recorded-lectures/>




### Did you know?

The HRPO tracks and publishes efficiency numbers in an effort to continually provide excellent quality customer service. Check out turn around times for protocol reviews here:  
<https://www.umaryland.edu/hrp/hrp-office/performance-informatics/>

**Question of the Month: Have any topics you'd like us to cover during Grand Rounds? Email [HRPO@umaryland.edu](mailto:HRPO@umaryland.edu) with your suggestions.**



Dr. Sarah Archibald is the new Executive Director of the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP).



### UPDATE

The FDA has updated their guidance and information sheet for IRBs & Clinical Investigators:  
<https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/institutional-review-boards-frequently-asked-questions>