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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 if you have suggestions and topics for future newsletters.

FROM THE IRB CHAIR

UMB IRB Chair & HRPO/IRB Virtual office hours takes place the second Monday of each month from 12 - 1 pm.

Link:

[https://umaryland.zoom.us/j/95695695923?](https://umaryland.zoom.us/j/95695695923?pwd=RNkVmEbTox7fbjGaTqGORBojpXAGqJ.1)

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No reservation is required.

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 with the subject "IRB Volunteer"



CITI TRAINING & CICERO

To streamline the protocol review process, the HRPO requests that the research community links their CITI training records to CICERO.

This can be accomplished by ensuring the following:

1. You are registered in CITI and CICERO using the same UMB email address
2. You have completed your training(s) under the UMB institutional courses on the CITI website

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the HRPO.



Do you know the difference between NHSR & Exempt?

NHSR means it does not meet the definition of human subjects and/or research.

Exempt means it does meet the definition of human subjects research, but it is exempt from the regulations.

There are still institutional requirements for exempt research. Any changes to the protocol needs to be reported to the IRB to ensure it is still exempt.

https://www.umaryland.edu/media/umb/oa/hrp/documents/Common-Rule-Exemptions_Focus_2018.pdf

Question of the Month: What tools or templates can we provide to assist the research community? Email HRPO@umaryland.edu

Protected Health Information (PHI) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

PHI is any health information that includes identifiable details protected under HIPAA regulations.

PII refers to any information that can identify an individual, not necessarily related to health.



Coming Soon: OAC Regulatory Binder Clinics

Regulatory binders are required for all human subject research protocols approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB), regardless of the risk level.

