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HRPP NEWSLETTER

Supporting Human Subjects Research at UMB

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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. Although the UMB IRB looking for members of varying skills and expertise, **MDs are strongly encouraged to apply**. 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"



PATIENT VERSUS PARTICIPANT

A patient is an individual receiving or needing medical treatment for a specific condition, while a participant is a broader term for anyone taking part in a research study or activity, which may or may not involve a medical condition or treatment.



Regulatory Binders

A common IRB audit finding is either a missing regulatory binder or missing parts of the regulatory binder. Be sure to update PI and team member trainings and CVs/resumes.

OAC is offering on-demand regulatory binder clinics, which allows a review of regulatory binders. Sign up for a review at <https://www.umaryland.edu/hrp/>



Tip for Protocol Submission

Please be sure to review your protocol for consistency and clarity. This will allow for a more efficient review of your protocol.

Are you taking photos or collecting audio/video recordings as part of your research?

The informed consent must disclose information about any photos, audio, or video recordings, including:

- Type of recording
- Identifiers that will be recorded (such as the subject's name, partial or full facial features, scars, tattoos, etc.)
- Description of the measures that will be taken to ensure the confidentiality of the person being recorded
- Intended use of the recordings
- Where & how the recordings will be stored
- Who has access to the recordings
- The timeline for the destruction of the recordings



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