General Research Updates

February 25, 2021

During the Forum:

- The session will be recorded

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Kimberly Summers, PharmD
RPP Director

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Approval Notice Emails

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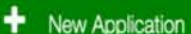
Protocol Number	Title	Critical Dates		Reviewing Committee
20200869HU	Test edit site tab	Regulatory Expiration:	Pending	HSC-IRB
20210034HU	IRB HU, Exp Review / Continuing Review	Regulatory Expiration: Next Prog Rpt Due:	2025-03-05 2025-02-19	HSC-IRB
20210073HR	Mendoza- Test	Regulatory Expiration:	Pending	HSC-IRB
20210075EX	Test Protocol - mendoza	Regulatory Expiration:	Pending	HSC-IRB
20210081EX	Test protocol - mendoza	Regulatory Expiration: Next Prog Rpt Due:	2022-12-31 2022-12-17	HSC-IRB
20210121HUD	cheryl test HUD protocol	Regulatory Expiration: Next Prog Rpt Due:	2022-02-02 2022-01-19	HSC-IRB

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS)

VA's enterprise instance of IRBNet

Research software management platform for all VAMCs with research program – intended benefits:

- Support all committee work & institutional tracking of all research / innovation projects
- Improve transparency of protocol tracking
- Reduce administrative load on R&D staff, committee members, & researchers
- Provide dashboard reporting of key metrics

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS)

IRBNet/VAIRRS features include:

- Separate "workspaces" for researchers, R&D admin, & committee/subcommittees

- Automated reminders for continuing reviews

- Library of core documents

- Training / credentials tracking

- Committee minutes / agendas

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS)

With VAIRRS, VA ORD hopes to standardize R&D processes:

- All project submissions (except FCOIs), reviews, & approvals* occur within VAIRRS

- "Submission" pathway for new projects (all administrative / institutional reviews completed <u>prior</u> to IRB/IACUC submission)

- Feasibility, Alignment, & Scientific Reviews

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS)

With VAIRRS, VA ORD hopes to standardize R&D processes & forms:

- Two required "wizards" or smart forms:
  - Project Cover Sheet (required for all projects)
  - Information Sheet (required for all projects submitted to either internal / external IRB or IACUC)
    - (IRB Info Sheet is available; IACUC Info Sheet is pending)

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS) – Next Steps

- Local training sessions March 4th & March 11th

- IRBNet currently setting up committee structure and registering admin staff & committee members

- Once completed (date TBD), R&D admin can start working with administrative tools

- Researchers can register, but cannot submit projects/packages until Go Live date

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS) – Next Steps

- Submission of data conversion sheet to IRBNet by March 12th

- IRBNet will create "shells" for <u>existing</u> projects

- VAIRRS Go-Live date tentatively scheduled for March 19th

VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS) – Next Steps

After Go-Live date, researchers can begin submitting new projects or "packages" to existing projects

- If they have registered (including submission of most current training records)

- Completed required forms for new & existing project (i.e., Project Cover Sheet & Information Sheet)

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VA Innovation Research Review System (VAIRRS)

Basic information about VAIRRS available at: (https://www.research.va.gov/programs/orppe/vairrs/

Detailed training materials (including webinars & demos) can also be accessed on the VA Intranet VA Innovation and Research Review System (VAIRRS) - Home (sharepoint.com)

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Upcoming Forum and Concierge Dates

Forum scheduled for

- Thursday, March 25, 2021
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Zoom

Concierge Dates Meetings are through Microsoft Teams

- Tuesday, March, 2, 2021

  Timeslots available from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 & March 24, 2021

  Timeslots available from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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