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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This procedure establishes the process to pre-review a request for approval (approval of new research, continuing review of research, or modification to previously approved research) or a determination whether an activity is exempt Human Research or is not Human Research.
- 1.2 The process begins when the IRB receives a request for local IRB approval, including requests from other institutions when this institution is the IRB of record, e.g., for a Collaborative Study or Multi-Site Study.
- 1.3 The process ends when the information has been placed on the agenda for an IRB meeting or has been forwarded to a Designated Reviewer.

2 REVISIONS FROM PREVIOUS VERSION

- 2.1 Editorial changes to reflect electronic implementation and Single IRB Review mandate.
- 2.2 2019 review. Added clarification to section 5.1.3. Referred to the "Pre-Review" worksheet as an electronic document.

3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 HSRO will move requests for approval through the IRB process in an efficient and expedient manner.
- 3.2 The addition of a previously approved protocol at a new site or sites that will be overseen by a principal investigator who will take separate and full responsibility for that site or those sites is considered a modification to previously approved research.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 HSRO staff members carry out these procedures.

5 PROCEDURE

- 5.1 If the submission is a response to modifications required to secure approval received within 30 days of the IRB review date:
 - 5.1.1 Evaluate whether the investigator made the required modifications.
 - 5.1.2 If the investigator made the required modifications, follow "SOP: Post-Review (HRP-052)" to issue an approval.
 - 5.1.3 If the investigator did not make the required modifications or made unrequested modifications, execute the "Request Pre-Review Clarification" activity, if applicable. Offer the investigator the opportunity to correct the submission, as appropriate.
 - 5.1.3.1 If the investigator will correct the submission, have the investigator make the changes then execute the "Submit Changes" activity and stop processing the current submission until the changes are received.
 - 5.1.3.2 If the investigator will not correct the submission, have the investigator execute the "Submit Changes" activity to resubmit and continue processing.
- 5.2 For all other submissions, complete the Pre-Review Activity or review the previously completed Pre-Review Activity and revise as needed, considering the items on in the electronic document, Pre-Review, and note all remaining contingencies in the "Final Contingencies" section.
- 5.3 If the information is not complete, contact the investigator by selecting the "Request Pre-Review Clarifications" Activity. Offer the investigator the opportunity to provide additional information.



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- 5.3.1 Continue processing once the investigator responds to the request for additional information.
- 5.4 If the request is for an initial approval and principal investigator is Restricted, contact the investigator. Explain that the investigator is Restricted, give the reasons, and indicate that if a new protocol goes to the IRB, the IRB policy is to disapprove the research. Offer the investigator the opportunity to withdraw the submission pending removal of the Restricted status.
 - 5.4.1 If the investigator withdraws the submission, stop processing the current submission.
 - 5.4.2 If the investigator will not withdraw the submission, continue processing.
- 5.5 Evaluate the most likely level of review:
 - 5.5.1 If the request can be handled as a Non-Committee Review and the principal investigator is not Restricted, Follow "SOP: Non-Committee Review Preparation (HRP-031)."
 - 5.5.2 If the request cannot be handled as a Non-Committee Review, place the protocol on the agenda for a convened IRB meeting in an IRB with appropriate scope.

6 MATERIALS

- 6.1 HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM PLAN (HRP-101)
- 6.2 SOP: New Information (HRP-024)
- 6.3 SOP: Non-Committee Review Preparation (HRP-031)
- 6.4 SOP: IRB Meeting Preparation (HRP-040)
- 6.5 SOP: Post-Review (HRP-052)

7 REFERENCES

- 7.1 None