

IRB Updates:

Beginning on April 4, 2022, the IRB Staff asks that researchers use the newly developed consent templates (which will be updated into the IRBNet library) for new projects. If your project was submitted and/or approved prior to April 4, 2022, you do not need to switch to the revised documents.

The current templates may be used until **July 4, 2022** with the expectation that all new projects will use the revised documents after that time. That is, projects submitted between April 4 and July 4, 2022 may use either consent format. Only revised versions of consent documents will be accepted for new projects after July 4, 2022. The IRB will send notifications alerting research teams of the change prior implementation so they may prepare their submissions accordingly.

These new templates will align with current best practices for biomedical and non-biomedical research as well as alleviate the need for separate repository/ registry consents. The following templates have been developed:

- Biomedical Research Consent
- Non-biomedical Research Consent
- Parental Permission-Research consent
- Exempt and Minimal Risk Research Consent
- Child Assent Ages 7-12
- Child Assent Ages 13-17

The IRB has also revised Form 06, "Human Subjects Research Determination Form," available in IRBNet. This form may be used as a guide for determining if a research project requires review by the IRB. Some projects may require submission of this form to the IRB prior to initiating work on the research. Please refer to the form for specifics.

Finally, the IRB has revised several policies, listed below. All policies are available on the [IRB Policies and Procedures page](#).

10.3.5 "Serious Adverse Event and Unanticipated Problems Reporting"

10.3.7 "Disclosure and Use of PHI in Research"

IACUC CITI Training Clarification:

All personnel working with animals are required to complete online training through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) website. All individuals must complete CITI's **basic course** entitled "Mandatory General Training for All Animal Users." Refresher training is required every three-years and all individuals must complete CITI's **refresher course** entitled, "Mandatory General Training for All Animal Users Refresher." Completion of additional CITI courses is dependent on the area of research, species and procedures being used and are non-expiring.