Changes to the Common Rule & IRB Review

IRBs review protocols in accordance with the Common Rule, the federal rule of ethics concerning human subjects research.

As you may have heard, the federal government adopted revisions to the Common Rule which need to be in practice by January 19, 2018.

New Categories delineated as Not Human Subjects Research

These categories will not require IRB approval as of 1/19/18:

- Scholarly/Journalistic activities involving oral history, journalism, biography, literary criticism, legal research, and historical scholarship

Please check with IRB for more detail

Continuing Review Requirement Reduced

When the new rule is implemented, the requirement for continuing review will change, depending on the category of review. For all new exempt and expedited review studies, we will switch to a 2 year check-in.

When can you learn more?

The IRB Office will be holding a seminar, "It's a New Year and a New Common Rule: What Researchers Need to Know" on Wednesday, January 24th, 1:00-2:30 pm. More details to follow.

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