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iRIS™ Electronic IRB System Implementation

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) at University Hospitals Case Medical Center (UHCMC) is transitioning to an electronic IRB system called "iRIS". The iRIS™ system from iMedRIS™ will allow for documents to be submitted to the IRB electronically. In addition, research-related documents, board/committee meetings and review records will be managed electronically. This is a collaborative project involving both UHCMC and Case Western Reserve University; including the Case Cancer IRB and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The software has been configured and beta testing of the system has occurred. In addition, the UHCMC IRB's forms, templates and submission guidelines have been translated into electronic versions within the iRIS™ system.

During the months of November and December 2009, there will be multiple informational and training sessions, both in-person and via the UH Oracle Learning Management System (LMS).

It is anticipated the UHCMC IRB will begin requiring use of the iRIS™ system in late December 2009.

Updates regarding the timeline for rollout and exact dates and registration information for the upcoming training sessions can be found on the [UHCMC IRB's webpage](#).

If you have any questions regarding the iRIS™ electronic IRB system, please contact Meghan Kulaszewski at 216-844-7388 or meghan.kulas@UHhospitals.org

The Center for Clinical Research and Technology Presents "To Discover" Days

Stop by the Atrium Bridge Friday, November 20, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about medical discoveries taking place at UH. The goal of "To Discover" Days is to educate patients, visitors and employees about how UH is making a difference in advancing health care through clinical research.

Revised Policy "Remuneration of Subjects"

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) policy that pertains to the remuneration of subjects has been revised to include specific financial reporting requirements. Tax laws must be followed when the decision is made to provide remuneration to research participants. Participants receiving payment are required to complete an IRS W-9 form, which requires a social security number. Records containing social security numbers should be stored securely and separately from the research record. Participants receiving more than \$600 in one calendar year must be informed that a 1099-Misc form will be mailed to the address provided on the W-9 form for tax purposes. Payments that participants receive may be considered taxable income, therefore, the following language must be included in the consent form:

"To receive payment you must agree to complete a W-9 form which requires you to provide an address and social security number to the accounting department. This payment to you may be considered taxable income by the IRS. You will be issued a 1099-Misc form only if payment exceeds \$600 from all studies in which you are participating, in a fiscal year".

Individuals objecting to completing an IRS W-9 form should be informed that they may not be able to participate in the research study. Individuals inquiring about the option of participating with a waiver of payment may be informed this is an acceptable option. The participant's inquiry and agreed upon plan must be documented in the research record. The updated policy can be found [here](#).