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## Questions, Comments, Suggestion?

If you have questions, comments or suggestions about how we can improve our human research protection program (HRPP) at UHCMC, send an email to: [clinicalresearch@uhhs.com](mailto:clinicalresearch@uhhs.com) or contact Carol Fedor, Clinical Research Manager at (216) 844-5524

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## iRIS IRB System is Now Open!

**The iRIS Electronic System is open for submission of New studies to the UHCMC IRB!!!**

Due to the overwhelming positive response we have received during the recent Beta Testing Phase of the new electronic IRB system, iRIS, the UHCMC IRB is now accepting new protocol submissions in the system. A link to the iRIS login page as well as information regarding available training can be found in the iRIS section of the UHCMC IRB's webpage: UHCMC IRB webpage - [iRIS Electronic IRB Submission System](#).

As the first step of the UHCMC's phased implementation, **beginning Monday, January 11, 2010 the UHCMC IRB will require that all NEW protocol submissions be submitted to the IRB Administration Office using iRIS.** Phase 1 of the implementation includes New protocols (N), New Chart Reviews/ Discarded Tissue studies (NC-DT), New Requests for Exemption (EXMT) and New Requests for Determination of Human Subjects Research (DET). While we encourage entering all new submissions into the system now, certain exceptions will be made for paper submissions that have already been created in hard copy and are undergoing department and/or scientific review processes.

It is anticipated that Phase 2 of the implementation (Amendments, Continuing Reviews, Adverse Events, etc.) for current hard copy, IRB approved protocols will begin at the end of January/early February. An exact date for that will be announced shortly.

Any questions or concerns regarding the use of iRIS for new studies can be directed to [Meghan Kulaszewski](mailto:meghan.kulas@uhhospitals.org) (meghan.kulas@uhhospitals.org or 216-844-7388) or the IRB Administration Office 216-844-1529.

## Continuing Research Education Credits (CREC) Reminder

Principal Investigators, individuals obtaining informed consent, and all key personnel on all Federally funded grants are required to be certified in human subjects protections ([IRB Policy](#), [Certification in Human Subjects Protections](#)). The UHCMC IRB strongly encourages all investigators and study personnel who interact with subjects to be certified, but requires certification of the principal investigator, plus anyone who obtains written consent from subjects studied on the protocol. After initial certification through the CITI program, you must earn 12 Continuing Research Education Credits (CRECs) within 3 years to remain certified.

**NOTE: Many individuals received their Human Subjects Protection (CREC Program) recertification in 2007 and will be due for recertification again in September 2010. It is your responsibility to know when your certification expires and that you have earned the 12 credits necessary to maintain your certification.**

It is your responsibility to maintain your Human Subjects Protections (HSP) Certification and determine if you have received all appropriate continuing research education credits (CRECs). To view your CREC Information, follow these instructions:

- Go to the Case Western Reserve University (Case) Office of Research Compliance website and access the [Spiderweb](#) system.
- Type in your Case Network ID and Password.
- Choose "COI/CREC Summary" from the menu on the left.
- View your personal CREC History.
- In the Search Box at the bottom of the page, type in any CREC Program participant's last name and view his/her certification status, expiration date and download his/her certificate.

If you are unable to log on or obtain information regarding your certification, contact [Deb Marko](mailto:Deb.Marko@uhhospitals.org) (Deborah.Marko@uhhospitals.org or 216-983-5885), for assistance.