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Update Your Contact Information

If there have been any changes to your Contact Information, please take a moment to update your Information with the IRB. PIs, Research Staff, and Protocol Contact People should send their current information such as e-mail address, location (building, room, mailstop), and telephone number to the following. [Click here](#)

If there are any changes to the personnel involved with the Informed Consent Process, this must be formally submitted to the IRB as an Addendum.

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Revisions to the UHC IRB Policies and Procedures Manual

The IRB Chairman and Vice President of Research and Technology recently disseminated a [notice](#) to the research community that during the next several months, the UHC IRB Policies and Procedures manual for human research protections will be undergoing revisions.

In order for the Case Human Research Protection Program (composed of UHC, Case and the MetroHealth System) to implement quality improvement processes and to meet the AAHRPP (Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs) requirements, the IRB must continue to update many of the existing IRB policies to comply with the AAHRPP standards. The changes will also ensure that the programs continue to be compliant with both the Federal Regulations and Ohio state laws.

Once the changes have been finalized with the UHC IRB Executive Committee and the IRB, the research community will be notified via this newsletter in a new section called **Policy Update**.

Education sessions will be provided to the research community by the Center For Clinical Research (CCR) and the CCR staff will be available to provide assistance and guidance throughout. These continued efforts to improve the IRB policies and procedures are important to maintain the highest ethical standards in the conduct of human subject research.

Helpful Tip: The General Clinical Research Center

The General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) is an NIH funded resource specifically designed to support patient-oriented research. It occupies sites at both University Hospitals of Cleveland and the MetroHealth System. The GCRC site at UHC is located on the 7th Floor of Horvitz Tower, RB&C.

The GCRC has physical resources and support personnel with diverse skills to facilitate successful completion of investigators' protocols. GCRC personnel are available to assist investigators with project design as well as implementation, with expertise in biostatistics, informatics, nutrition, and specialized laboratory techniques. The GCRC allocates resources to support IRB-approved studies based on scientific merit.

GCRC resources include:

- private and semiprivate rooms for both adult and pediatric research subjects
- high nurse-patient ratio
- development of standardized physician orders and source documents
- metabolic kitchen
- core chemistry laboratory
- gas chromatograph-mass spectroscopy lab
- sample processing facility
- ancillary services (i.e. radiology, hospital laboratory studies, ECGs, etc.)

The GCRC also plays a major role in clinical research training, including an annual biostatistics seminar series and the GCRC-affiliated K30 training grant entitled "Clinical Research Scholars Program (CRSP) at CWRU". Visit the GCRC website at <http://gcr.case.edu>.