SOP: Post-Review

1. PURPOSE
   1. This procedure establishes the process for communications after a protocol is reviewed.
   2. The process begins when:
      1. A Designated Reviewer has completed a Non-Committee Review and provided completed materials to the IRB staff; OR
      2. An IRB meeting has adjourned, and the IRB chair or IRB manager has approved the minutes; OR
      3. An IRB staff member has verified that modifications required to secure approval were directive and have been made.
   3. The process ends when all correspondence related to IRB determinations and actions have been sent and additional tasks have been completed
2. REVISIONS FROM PREVIOUS VERSION
   1. None
3. POLICY
   1. The IRB reports its findings and actions to the investigator.
   2. The IRB reports its findings and actions to the institution.
   3. When the IRB disapproves research, it provides the investigator with a statement of the reasons for the decision and gives the investigator an opportunity to respond in person or in writing.
   4. Communication of review results to investigators are to be completed within 10 business days of the IRB meeting or receipt of the completed Non-Committee Review materials.
      1. If all reviewer comments are directive, IRB Analysts may confirm that conditions have been satisfied.
      2. If the investigator requests a review by the convened IRB, place on the agenda for a convened IRB meeting in an IRB with appropriate scope.
   5. Reporting of Serious Non-Compliance; Continuing Non-Compliance; Suspension of IRB Approval; Termination of IRB Approval; and Unanticipated Problem Involving Risks to Subjects or Others to outside agencies is to take place within 30 business days from the determination of a reportable problem.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES
   1. IRB staff members carry out these procedures.
5. PROCEDURE
   1. If the Non-Committee Review indicated a Conflicting Interest or a lack of expertise, follow HRP-031 - SOP - Non-Committee Review Preparation
   2. For initial reviews, continuing review, or modification:
      1. If the communication is an IRB determination of Approved:
         1. Refer to HRP-302 - WORKSHEET - Approval Intervals to calculate approval intervals (if applicable).
         2. Execute the “Finalize Documents” to stamp and accept all changes for attached documents.
         3. Execute the “Prepare Letter” activity and modify the letter as needed.
         4. Execute the “Send Letter” activity.
      2. If the communication is an IRB determination other than Approved:
         1. Execute the “Prepare Letter” activity and modify the letter as needed.
         2. Execute the “Send Letter” activity.
   3. Refer to HRP-303 - WORKSHEET - Communication of Review Results to determine if any paper-based letters need to be sent and send all applicable letters within 30 business days.
      1. Refer to HRP-303 - WORKSHEET - Communication of Review Results and send all applicable letters to the Principal Investigator within 5 business days.
         1. Have letter signed by the signatory in the template letter.
         2. Send the letter to the inside addresses and cc list as directed by the letter.
   4. For continuing reviews or modifications to studies where enrollment is suspended and the submission does not change the enrollment suspension status, execute the “Suspend” activity in the study workspace, and document that the enrollment to the study remains suspended.
   5. For determinations of Serious Non-Compliance; Continuing Non-Compliance; Suspension of IRB Approval; Termination of IRB Approval; or Unanticipated Problem Involving Risks to Subjects or Others:
      1. When reporting to OHRP only, complete the *OHRP Incident Report Form[[1]](#endnote-1)* within 30 business days from the determination of a reportable problem
      2. If reporting to both OHRP and any other outside agency concurrently, utilize the OHRP Incident Report Form email confirmation and HRP-520 – LETTER – External Report and send within 30 business days from the determination of a reportable problem.
      3. If reporting to DoD, utilize the HRP-526 – LETTER – External Report to DOD as appropriate and send within 30 business days from the determination of a reportable problem.
6. MATERIALS
   1. HRP-031 - SOP - Non-Committee Review Preparation
   2. HRP-302 - WORKSHEET - Approval Intervals
   3. HRP-303 - WORKSHEET - Communication of Review Results
   4. HRP-520 - LETTER - External Report
   5. HRP-526 - External Report to DOD
7. REFERENCES
   1. 45 CFR §46.103(b)(4)(i), 45 CFR §46.207, 45 CFR §46.306(2)(C), 45 CFR §46.306(2)(D), 45 CFR §46.407, 45 CFR §46 Waiver of Informed Consent Requirements in Certain Emergency Research (November 1, 1996)
   2. 21 CFR §56.108(a)(1), 21 CFR §50.24(e), 21 CFR §50.54(b), 21 CFR §812.66
   3. AAHRPP elements I.1.A, I.5.D, I-9, II.1.D, II.1.E, II.2.A, II.2.G, II.2.H, II.2.E-II.2.E.2, II.2.F-II.2.F.3, III.2.D
   4. <https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/guidance/guidance-on-irb-approval-of-research-with-conditions-2010/index.html>

1. <https://oash.force.com/ohrpwebforms/s/incident-web-form> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)