SOP: IRB Removal

1. PURPOSE
   1. This procedure establishes the process to remove an IRB.
   2. The process begins when the Institutional Official/ Organizational Official (IO/OO) or designee determines that an IRB is no longer needed.
   3. The process ends when the IRB is unregistered with OHRP and the Federalwide Assurance (FWA) is updated.
2. REVISIONS FROM PREVIOUS VERSION
   1. None
3. POLICY
   1. IRB rosters are maintained using HRP-601 - DATABASE - IRB Roster.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES
   1. IRB staff members carry out these procedures.
5. PROCEDURE
   1. For internal IRBs:
      1. For each IRB member who will no longer serve as an IRB member prepare HRP-561 - LETTER - IRB Member Thank You, have them signed by the IO/OO or designee and send to the former IRB members.
      2. Unregister the IRB with OHRP.[[1]](#endnote-1)
      3. Remove the IRB from the FWA.[[2]](#endnote-2)
      4. Remove members from HRP-601 - DATABASE - IRB Roster.
      5. Remove the individual’s Committee Member role in the system.
      6. File:
         1. HRP-601 – DATABASE - IRB Roster
         2. FWA
         3. HRP-561 - LETTER - IRB Member Thank You
   2. For external IRBs follow the requirements of the inter-institutional agreement or contract.
6. MATERIALS
   1. HRP-561 - LETTER - IRB Member Thank You
   2. HRP-601 - DATABASE - IRB Roster
7. REFERENCES
   1. 45 CFR §46.107, 45 CFR §46.103(b)(3), 45 CFR §46.115(a)(5).
   2. 21 CFR §56.107, 21 CFR §56.115(a)(5).
   3. AAHRPP elements II.1.A, II.1.C

1. See <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/assurances/>. Use the Web site: <http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/efile/>. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. See <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/assurances/>. Use the Web site: <http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/efile/>. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)