

Monthly updates from the Human Research Protections Office



Live Webinar

***Future-Forward: Navigating Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Ethics in Research***
Friday, January 17, 2025 12-1 PM

Webinar Details:
Platform: Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 279 407 086 075
Passcode: TX3mA2qM

Guest Speakers:

- **Benjamin Silverman, MD**, Senior IRB Chair at Mass General Brigham, Human Research Affairs; Chair of Mass General Brigham Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRP) Committee; Director of Ethics for Institute for Technology in Psychiatry at McLean Hospital; Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Faculty Member in the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School
- **Jessica Vitak, Ph.D.**, Professor; Director of Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL) at University of Maryland

Join us as thought leaders discuss implementing ethical practices in human research within today's rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence.

Mark your calendars for January 17, 2025!

2025 Education Initiative: Masterminds Series—An Interactive Learning Experience

Masterminds Series are interactive learning sessions where Carilion Clinic researchers can explore regulatory topics and research processes through real-world applications, peer discussion, and best practice sharing, with a focus on human subjects' protection. These sessions will occur on Fridays with specified platforms such as webinars, recorded videos, and live trainings. Please see below for specific dates for January.

HRPO & IRB Masterminds Education Series	
Session Details	Learning Platform
Friday Fundamentals: Consent Process Series • January 3, 2025—Informed Consent Process Training Video • January 10, 2025—Legal Authorized Representative (LAR) • January 24, 2025—Non-English Speaking Participants • January 31, 2025—Electronic Consent	New training videos will be released on dates specified via our YouTube Channel Bookmark our new YouTube Channel:  http://www.youtube.com/@CarilionClinicIRBandHRPO
Friday Future-Forward: Navigating Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ethics in Research • January 17, 2025, 12-1 PM	Webinar link to use on January 17! 

New Carilion Research Opt-out Process

Carilion is preparing for further advancement of the research enterprise. Current practice at Carilion requires that the treating providers be the first patient contact about potential research opportunities. We are changing practice so that patients can be contacted by researchers who are not their providers.

The first step is a new process to allow patients the choice to **opt-out** of being contacted by researchers who are not their providers. Patients will be notified by various methods, and their responses will be gathered. More information will be provided over the next several months as this significant research recruitment practice change is being developed.



Please note that the current recruitment process remains unchanged, and the IRB approved plan must be followed.

Materials are available for researchers to answer questions from patients and can be address [here](#).



Update to Non-English Speaking Subject SOG

Our Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) 5.5, *Informed Consent Process: Obtaining consent from Non-English speaking subjects*, has been revised this month. Please make sure to read over the document to familiarize yourself and your team with the updates. The revised document can be found in PRIS3M and on our [website](#).



Dear Research Community,

As the holiday season approaches, we wanted to take a moment to express our thanks to each of you who make our community so special. Your dedication to ethical research and genuine care for participants' well-being has made this year's work not just important, but inspiring.

We hope you'll take the time to celebrate your achievements and recharge with loved ones as 2024 winds down. Here's to a wonderful 2025 and new discoveries ahead. Our office wishes you and yours a joy-filled holiday season!

With appreciation,

Your HRPO & IRB



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