

# Research Matters

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# Outline

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- Announcements
- Researcher and Study Team Training – AAHRPP Preparation

# Announcements

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# Modifications

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- All documents must be uploaded into the Modification SmartForm
  - New documents
  - Revised, tracked changes documents
- For documents finalized by the Investigator Relations Team (footer, renamed, locked to tracked changes)
  - Download document from “Documents” tab and make edits on this version

# Approval Letters

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- All documents uploaded into the new study, modification, or continuing review SmartForm will be pulled into the approval letter
  - Text will be based upon how the study team names document
  - These names are not revised during the approval process

# Translated Consent Documents

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- Modifications of studies with fully translated consent:
  - Consider whether a short form is required while pending a newly translated version
  - Upload a short form into the modification form to request it be stamped
  - Documents tab will have only one link for non-English consents (short form or fully translated)

# Translated Consent Documents

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- STU-2019-XXXX, PI Name, Form E.S2 – Spanish, NS, 01-01-19
- STU-2019-XXXX, PI Name, Form E2 – Spanish, Mod1, 01-15-19
- STU-2019-XXXX, PI Name, Form E.S2 – Spanish, Mod3, 03-01-19
- STU-2019-XXXX, PI Name, Form E2 – Spanish, Mod4, 03-15-19



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## What are the 3 principles of the Belmont Report (select all that apply)?

Respect for Persons,  
Justice, Integrity

Respect for Persons,  
Beneficence Integrity

Integrity, Justice,  
Beneficence

Respect for Persons,  
Justice, Beneficence

# Belmont Report

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- Respect for Persons
  - Informed Consent, additional protections for vulnerable populations
- Justice
  - Share benefits and burden of research
- Beneficence
  - Protecting subjects from harm

**What education and training have you taken to conduct research?**

# Training and Education

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- CITI Training
  - HSP, GCP, Research HIPAA
- COI Training
  - Part of COI disclosure
- Personal education
  - Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate degrees
- Certifications
  - CCRP, CCRC, CIP, etc.



# Who is ultimately responsible for the conduct of human subjects research?

The IRB

The Research  
Coordinator

The Principal  
Investigator

The Institution

**Federal regulations consider \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first step in the consent process.**



Screening    Enrollment    Recruitment    Chart review

# Recruitment

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- All recruitment methods must be reviewed and approved by the IRB
  - No coercion
  - No undue influence
  - No claims of safety and/or effectiveness
  - No “FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT” incentivizing

**Minimal risk screening procedures can be conducted by participants before consent is obtained.**

True

False



# Consent

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- No research procedure may be initiated before consent is obtained
- Informed consent must be sought from each subject or the subject's LAR
- Informed consent must be appropriately documented (signatures and notes)

**Federal regulations require informed consent documents to be written at 6-8th grade reading level.**

True

False

# Consent

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- Informed consent must be sought from each subject or the subject's LAR
  - Understandable (level of language)
  - Native Language

**A subject, enrolled by her LAR, regains decision-making capacity during study participation. The subject must be re-consented.**

True

False



# Consent

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- For subjects whose decision-making capacity may fluctuate and either regain capacity to consent or those with decreasing capacity to give consent, a re-consenting plan may be necessary.
  - (HRPP Policy and Procedure Manual 3.2)

# Who must sign both the consent document and the short form document?



	Non-English Speaking Subject	Interpreter	Person Obtaining Consent
Fully Translated Consent (w/ English Consent)	Fully Translated Consent	No signature (document in consent note)	English Consent
	Non-English Speaking Subject	Witness	Person Obtaining Consent
Short Form and English Summary	Short Form	Short Form <u>AND</u> English Summary	English Summary

**New conflicts of interest or changes to prior conflicts must be reported to the COI office within 30 days.**

True

False

# Conflict of Interest

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- ETH-104 Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment, and Outside Activities
  - No later than the 30th day of initial employment
  - Annually, between January 1 and March 1
  - No later than the 30th day after acquiring a new financial interest or outside activity that requires disclosure
  - Prior to engaging in research or submitting research proposals



**UPIRSOs must be reported when meeting what 3 criteria?**

# Unanticipated Problems Involving Risks to Subjects or Others

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- Unexpected in nature, frequency, or severity (i.e., generally not expected in a subject's underlying condition or not expected as a risk of the study; therefore, not included in the investigator's brochure, protocol, or informed consent document)
- Definitely or probably related to participation in the research
- Suggests that the research places subjects or others at a greater risk of harm (including physical, psychological, economic, or social harm) than was previously known or recognized

## Reportable events must be reported to the UTSW IRB within:

2 working  
days

3 working  
days

5 working  
days

10 working  
days

# Reportable Events

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- Reporting requirement:
  - Emergency deviations must be promptly reported to the IRB within 5 working days of occurrence
  - Major deviations must be promptly reported to the IRB within 5 working days of PI awareness
  - UPIRSOs must be promptly reported to the IRB within 5 working days of PI awareness
  - Complaints must be promptly reported to the IRB within 5 working days of PI awareness

# Reportable Events

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- Reporting requirement when relying:
  - The local events must be promptly reported to the UT Southwestern IRB within 5 working days of PI awareness.
  - In addition, the external IRB's responses or determinations on these local events must be submitted to the UT Southwestern IRB within 10 working days of receipt
- Reporting requirement when IRB of Record:
  - Notify UTSW HRPP Director of terminations, suspensions, or modifications of clinical privileges of persons participating in studies approved by the UTSW IRB
  - UPIRSOs, serious or continuing non-compliance with federal regulations or determinations of UTSW IRB



Questions?

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