

1. I interact most with the:			Response Percent	Response Count
Health Sciences IRB/STAFF (Biomedical Research)			56.4%	272
University Park IRB/STAFF (Social / Behavioral Research)			43.6%	210
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>482</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

2. I am a USC:			Response Percent	Response Count
Faculty member			29.9%	144
Research/Clinical staff			12.9%	62
Staff member			17.8%	86
<b>Student</b>			<b>34.2%</b>	<b>165</b>
Affiliate			5.2%	25
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>482</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

3. Have you worked with the USC IRBs prior to 2008?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			63.4%	305
No			36.6%	176
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>481</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>1</b>

4. For each of the following statements, please rate your agreement from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”. Select “Don't know/Not applicable” if you are unsure.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know/Not applicable	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
The IRB is knowledgeable about human subjects protections including federal and state regulations/laws, and USC IRB policies.	<b>56.9% (226)</b>	31.2% (124)	11.6% (46)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	1.55	397
The IRB reviews protocols in a timely fashion.	33.3% (132)	<b>39.6% (157)</b>	16.2% (64)	9.8% (39)	1.0% (4)	2.06	396
The IRB considers scientific merit/methodology as well as ethics.	33.6% (131)	<b>39.2% (153)</b>	23.1% (90)	3.8% (15)	0.3% (1)	1.98	390
The IRB does not use its authority to suppress research that is otherwise methodologically sound and in compliance with policies.	<b>37.4% (148)</b>	29.0% (115)	28.0% (111)	4.8% (19)	0.8% (3)	2.03	396
The IRB does not allow personal biases to affect evaluation of protocols.	34.2% (135)	25.8% (102)	<b>35.2% (139)</b>	4.1% (16)	0.8% (3)	2.11	395
The IRB is reasonable and appropriate in their review/modification of informed consents.	33.0% (130)	<b>40.1% (158)</b>	18.8% (74)	6.3% (25)	1.8% (7)	2.04	394
The IRB works with researchers to find solutions whenever disagreements exist.	32.2% (127)	30.6% (121)	<b>33.2% (131)</b>	2.8% (11)	1.3% (5)	2.10	395
The IRB treats researchers with respect.	<b>44.6% (174)</b>	34.6% (135)	17.7% (69)	2.3% (9)	0.8% (3)	1.80	390
The IRB views the protection of human participants as its primary function.	<b>50.0% (198)</b>	31.1% (123)	16.4% (65)	1.8% (7)	0.8% (3)	1.72	396
The IRB/ provides adequate rationale when it requires changes in a protocol/application.	28.9% (114)	<b>39.3% (155)</b>	23.4% (92)	6.9% (27)	1.5% (6)	2.13	394
The IRB overestimates the magnitude and probability of risk.	12.2% (48)	20.8% (82)	<b>35.9% (142)</b>	23.5% (93)	7.6% (30)	2.94	395
The IRB offers educational sessions in human subjects protections.	36.6% (143)	<b>42.2% (165)</b>	18.2% (71)	1.8% (7)	1.3% (5)	1.89	391

Adequate guidance is provided for choosing the appropriate level of IRB review: exempt/expedited/full board/not human subjects research.	25.5% (101)	<b>41.7%</b> <b>(165)</b>	22.2% (88)	9.1% (36)	1.5% (6)	2.19	396
The IRB notifies applicant of unexpected delays in processing applications.	15.2% (60)	23.5% (93)	<b>46.6%</b> <b>(184)</b>	10.6% (42)	4.1% (16)	2.65	395
Turn around time for IRB approval reflects the level of risk involved.	12.4% (49)	28.1% (111)	<b>47.1%</b> <b>(186)</b>	9.4% (37)	3.0% (12)	2.63	395
	<b>answered question</b>						<b>397</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>						<b>85</b>

**5. For each of the following statements, please rate your agreement from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”. Select “Don't know/Not applicable” if you are unsure.**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Don't Know/Not Applicable</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
My experience with the online CITI education course was positive.	24.2% (93)	<b>50.8%</b> <b>(195)</b>	15.6% (60)	8.3% (32)	1.0% (4)	2.11	384
The iStar system is easy to use and navigate.	24.3% (93)	<b>42.9%</b> <b>(164)</b>	11.8% (45)	18.6% (71)	2.4% (9)	2.32	382
I find the iStar application questions to be intuitive and easy to understand	18.5% (71)	<b>48.2%</b> <b>(185)</b>	15.9% (61)	14.8% (57)	2.6% (10)	2.35	384
The CITI helpdesk is a useful resource.	13.3% (51)	19.3% (74)	<b>64.0%</b> <b>(245)</b>	2.6% (10)	0.8% (3)	2.58	383
The reportable event / adverse event application is simple.	11.4% (44)	24.4% (94)	<b>59.7%</b> <b>(230)</b>	3.9% (15)	0.5% (2)	2.58	385
The iStar system provides adequate online guidance.	16.1% (62)	<b>40.3%</b> <b>(155)</b>	23.1% (89)	16.9% (65)	3.6% (14)	2.52	385
The iStar Helpdesk is a useful resource.	17.7% (68)	24.9% (96)	<b>52.2%</b> <b>(201)</b>	4.7% (18)	0.5% (2)	2.45	385
The in person IRB education sessions are helpful.	17.3% (66)	21.2% (81)	<b>59.4%</b> <b>(227)</b>	1.6% (6)	0.5% (2)	2.47	382
The IRB/OPRS websites are a valuable resource.	22.7% (87)	<b>39.3%</b> <b>(151)</b>	33.9% (130)	3.1% (12)	1.0% (4)	2.21	384
The IRB templates required for submission (consent forms, templates, etc) were easily	26.2% (101)	<b>40.0%</b> <b>(154)</b>	25.7% (99)	6.8% (26)	1.3% (5)	2.17	385

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I read the USC Human Subjects Newsletter sent via listserv.	13.5% (52)	<b>32.8%</b> <b>(126)</b>	25.0% (96)	22.9% (88)	5.7% (22)	2.74	384
	<i>answered question</i>						<b>386</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>						<b>96</b>

<b>6. 1. Describe any positive or negative changes you have noticed in the IRB review process over the past few years?</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	142
	<i>answered question</i> <b>142</b>
	<i>skipped question</i> <b>340</b>

<b>7. 2. If you attended any of the IRB education sessions, what did you find helpful? How can the educational sessions be improved?</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	94
	<i>answered question</i> <b>94</b>
	<i>skipped question</i> <b>388</b>

<b>8. 3. Which iStar questions should be rewritten to improve clarity?</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	83
	<i>answered question</i> <b>83</b>
	<i>skipped question</i> <b>399</b>

9. 4. What do you like or dislike about the iStar system?		Response Count
		125
	<i>answered question</i>	125
	<i>skipped question</i>	357

10. 5. Please suggest improvements to any aspect of the IRB process. All suggestions are considered and many improvements are made based on survey comments.		Response Count
		100
	<i>answered question</i>	100
	<i>skipped question</i>	382