



## Human Subjects Newsletter



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### 2011 IRB Survey Results



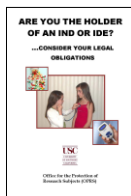
Each year, the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) invites researchers, faculty, and staff to participate in an online survey of the IRB process. OPRS uses this survey to evaluate and improve the Human Subjects Protection Program (HSPP).

Results of this year's survey are available at:

[www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRAT2011results.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRAT2011results.pdf)

Raw Data: [www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRAT2011data.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRAT2011data.pdf)

### New Guidance for IND/IDE Holders



OPRS has created a new webpage and booklet for holders of Investigational New Drug/ Investigational Device Exemptions. An additional tip sheet has also been created for sponsor-investigators who must perform the role of monitor.

All items are available at: [www.usc.edu/oprs/research/indide](http://www.usc.edu/oprs/research/indide)

### Improvements to Human Subjects Protection Program ★

OPRS and the IRB have implemented changes to reduce the regulatory burden of investigators and the IRB without compromising protection of research subjects. Changes include:

- Policy on mandated reporting of abuse: A new FAQ guidance is available for students who may encounter or suspect abuse during the conduct of research [www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/ChildElder\\_Abuse\\_FAQ\\_2.15.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/ChildElder_Abuse_FAQ_2.15.pdf)
- Signatures on Informed Consent: Witness signatures on informed consent documents will only be required when a short form is used.

A list of improvements from this year is available at [www.usc.edu/oprs/policies/caj](http://www.usc.edu/oprs/policies/caj)

## Articles of Interest

[ER Doctor Fired for Posting Patient Info on Facebook](http://articles.boston.com/2011-04-20/lifestyle/29451939_1_social-media-patient-emergency-room)

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[Making Clinical Trial less of a Tribulation](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703580004576180811400890264.html)

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[Big Drop in OHRP Letters, Open Cases Raise Questions of Agency Commitment](http://www.reportonresearchcompliance.com/rrc0311_reprint.pdf)

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[Exclusive Ethics Survey Results: Doctors Struggle With Tougher-Than-Ever Dilemmas](http://www.medscape.com/features/slideshow/public/ethical-dilemmas)

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[Tracing the Roots of Research Ethics](http://primr.blogspot.com/2011/04/tracing-roots-of-research-ethics.html)

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