

# USC UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Human Subjects Newsletter

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## Faculty Advisors Brochure Created

[Are You a Faculty Advisor? The ABCs of Human Subjects Responsibilities](#), a new brochure developed by the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS), informs Faculty Advisors and helps them remain abreast of current human subjects policies. While the link above will direct you to the brochure, hard copies are also available by request.

## IRB Student Mentors Available for IRB Assistance



The HSPP has two IRB Student Mentors to assist student researchers with the human subjects research process: Janice Chung (PhD student in Pharmaceutical Economics) and Erica Lim (MSW student). Ms. Chung and Ms. Lim continue this successful OPRS initiative. In addition to mentoring students they will also serve on the UPIRB Committee as voting members. Please take advantage of this excellent resource or inform your students and/or colleagues about it.

### Student Mentor Contact Info:

[irbgara@usc.edu](mailto:irbgara@usc.edu), (213)-821-1154, or  
[www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/mentor.html](http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/mentor.html)

IRB Student Mentors:  
Janice Chung (L) and Erica Lim (R)

## Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Education Available

The OPRS offers RCR sessions for interested faculty, staff, or students. The education covers the 9 areas of RCR and would complement graduate research, research ethics, or research methods classes. Please contact the [oprs@usc.edu](mailto:oprs@usc.edu) for more information.

## Informed Consent: Significant New Findings/Information (SNIF) Addendum

The Significant New Information/Findings (SNIF) policy was revised to inform research participants of any new findings that may affect their willingness to stay enrolled in a project.

Beginning **7/1/08**, researchers MUST submit a SNIF for use in disclosing significant new information to participants already enrolled in studies.

More information on the policy is available at:

[http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/oprs/news\\_items/New\\_Findings\\_Memo.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/oprs/news_items/New_Findings_Memo.pdf)

## CITI Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Course Offers CME credits

Pharmaceutical companies and other research sponsors often require GCP training. GCP training provides knowledge necessary for protecting human subjects, for well-designed trials, for assuring accurate data collection, for maintaining a compliant audit trail, for reporting adverse events, and for handling research records. The optional GCP program under the aegis of CITI is

highly recommended for all biomedical researchers and staff . CME/CEU credits are available through the University of Miami for completing the no cost CITI GCP course. Up to 4 AMA PRA Category 1 credits are available for a fee of \$60. CME credits are also available for completion of the mandatory Human Subjects Research course.

- CITI Course: <http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/citi>
- Info on CME Credits: <https://www.citiprogram.org/citidocuments/cme/index.htm>

## IRB Community Member Resource Published by the OPRS

You Want to be an IRB Community Member...Now What? is now available by request. The booklet guides IRB community members through the human subjects research process and helps them transition into a valuable members of the IRB committee. The booklet was highlighted in the October 2007 issue of IRB Advisor (a national IRB publication) and has received numerous accolades and requests from IRBs across the nation.

## Articles of Interest

- [Researchers Fail to Reveal Full Drug Pay](#), *NY Times* (June 8, 2008)
- [Revise HIPAA: Health Researchers](#), *The Scientist* (June 17, 2008)
- [Drug Industry to Announce Revised Code on Marketing](#), *NY Times* (July 10, 2008)
- [F.D.A. Revises its Letter for Non Approval Dugs](#), *FDA* (July 10, 2008)