

IRB NEWSLETTER

Greetings IRB Members!

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Please read below for current updates on the
SJH Human Research Protection Program.



HRPP Updates

Updated IRB Member Manual

The HRPP Office has updated the IRB Member Manual. The updated manual is being sent with this newsletter and is available on the HRPP website located here: <https://www.stjhs.org/center-for-clinical-research/human-research-protections-program/for-irb-members/>.

In general, the updates bring the manual up-to-date with the Revised Common Rule and current practice. Updates include:

- Added discussion of meeting deliberations and how votes are taken
- Added discussion of technology used to conduct meetings
- Expanded discussion of determination of IRB approval periods
- Added clarification regarding conflicted members providing expert commentary to the IRB
- Added notion regarding Limited IRB Review process
- Added references to applicable Texas Law
- Expanded and corrected links

Please review the updated manual as you have time. If you have any questions about the updated manual please contact Adam Pucci, HRPP Manager, at adam.pucci@stjoe.org.

IRB Roster Update

The IRB rosters were recently updated to include all of the primary members of each committee (SJH IRB #1 and SJH IRB #2) as alternates for the other committee. In addition, members who were previously appointed as alternates to one committee are now alternate members of both committees. These updates were implemented to make our already strong committees more robust by ensuring that members are able to fully participate as a voting member of either committee in the event their expertise is needed or to achieve quorum. In this situation, the HRPP Office would contact you to invite your participation. Otherwise, alternate members are not expected to participate in every committee meeting, but are welcome to. If you have any questions about your IRB membership or attendance at a given meeting, please contact Susan O'Brien, Lead IRB Coordinator, at susan.obrien@stjoe.org or Theresa Tuckman, IRB Coordinator, at theresa.tuckman@stjoe.org.