

# ORIENTATION TO CLINICAL RESEARCH AT JOHNS HOPKINS FOR NEW RESEARCH TEAMS

# Goals for this Webinar:

- Provide general description of main clinical research offices
  - IRB
  - Office of Research Administration
  - Office of Clinical Trials
  - Institute for Clinical and Translational Research
- Provide an overview of clinical research services
  - May be elective consultative functions, services only available through one group (CCDA and access to clinical data for research), and required administrative and compliance oversight
- Discuss some common clinical research protocols to demonstrate how the research offices work together

# Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Environment

- One of the largest and most comprehensive clinical research environments
  - Child health, cancer, psychiatric and addictive disorders
  - Collaborators at BSPH, SOE, SON, Kennedy-Krieger Institute
  - Large health system including community hospitals and All Children's Hospital in Florida
- Span translational research pathway from basic science to implementation science
- Mix of sponsors from federal sources to PHARMA

# Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Ecosystem

- Multiple training opportunities for faculty early research career awards
  - Individual Ks
  - ICTR KL2 (CTSA)
  - BIRCWH (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health)
  - GTPCI (Graduate Training Program in Clinical Investigation)
- Excellent Mentors
- Team Science Training

# Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Ecosystem

- In response to an increasing complex environment (multicenter, data sharing, intellectual property, etc) Johns Hopkins support has had to respond
- Human Research Participant Protection Program
  - IRB Director – Megan Singleton
  - Vice Dean for Clinical Investigation – Gail Daumit
- Institute for Clinical and Translational Research - CTSA
  - Director – Daniel Ford
- Office of Clinical Trials
  - Director – Mark Sulkowski

# Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR)

Daniel Ford, MD, MPH  
Director, ICTR

Dorothy Damron, MS  
Administrative Director

# Trial Innovation Unit (TIU)

Dan Hanely, MD

Deputy Director ICTR

Division Director, BIOS, School of Medicine

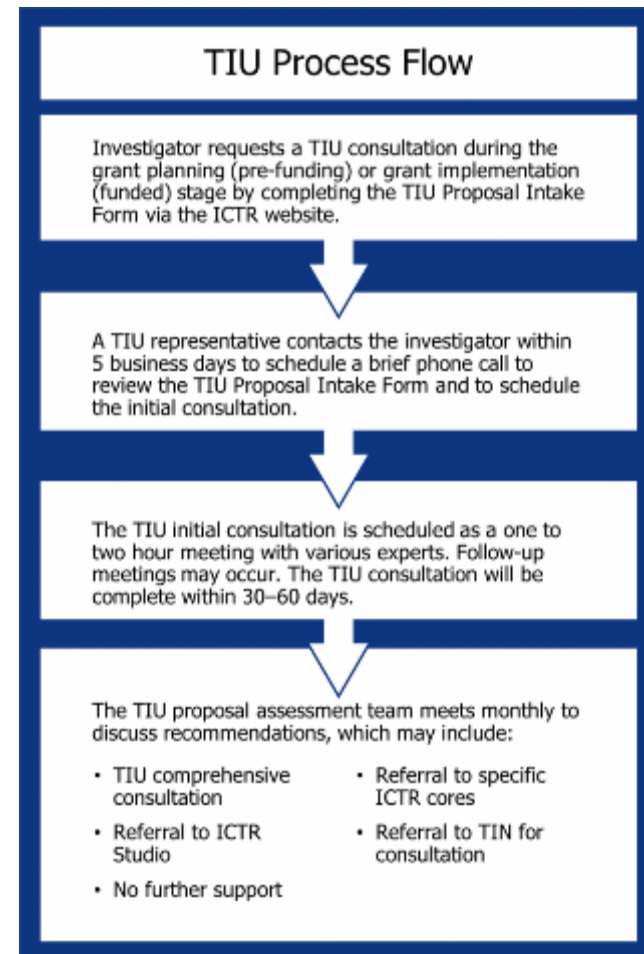
[TIU\\_INTAKE@jhu.edu](mailto:TIU_INTAKE@jhu.edu)

# Trial Innovation Unit (TIU)

## What We Do:

- The Trial Innovation Unit (TIU) is composed of two key organizational partners—the ICTR and BIOS, a JHU-based academic research organization.
- We work with trials funded by the NIH, commercial sponsors, or foundations. The TIU is committed to facilitating the development of investigative expertise.
- K-grant, T-grant, and other early career investigators are invited to participate in project evaluation, trial simulation, and planning activities. Biostatistical doctoral and postdoctoral candidates may participate in statistical analysis plan development and reporting. The TIU provides expert consultative support to investigators with small, local multi-center translational studies needing to:
  - Improve research study design, trial operations, and analysis plans.
  - Explore opportunities for single and multi-center trial innovation.
  - Improve diversity and community engagement in clinical trials.
  - Assess translational pathway and readiness for multi-center trials.
  - Provide strategic assistance with grant applications.
  - Develop and improve the overall stewardship, efficiency, accountability, and transparency of clinical trials.

## How to work with us:





# Trial Innovation Unit (TIU)

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- After the initial meeting, the TIU service provides an additional hour of free support for the research project to provide supporting material and/or further planning discussed during the initial meeting. The initial TIU 2 hour consult is free.
- If you need specific grant services, planning or additional support after the 2 hour consult, a broad spectrum of services are available through the TIU teams for a fee.

# The Research Studio: A Master Class

Studio Director: Carol Kobrin, PhD

The ICTR Navigators: [ICTRNavigators@jhmi.edu](mailto:ICTRNavigators@jhmi.edu)

# Research Studio

## What We Do:

Organize project specific consultations to assist with higher level research questions at all stages of developing a research program

- Creating Competitive Grants/Presubmission Grant Reviews
- Availability of Institutional Cores and/or Resources to Help Conduct Preclinical and Clinical Studies
- Project Feasibility Concerns

## How to work with us:

Requests for a Studio consultation can be submitted via the [ICTR Service Request Portal](#)

# Research Studio

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Please allow between 4-8 weeks to organize a Studio
- Don't request a consultation until you've identified specific questions to discuss with the Studio
- Remember that the Studio is a:
  - **Multidisciplinary service center** that brings investigators together with the experts and resources needed to address their questions
  - **Disease agnostic** but customized for each protocol or project
  - **"One stop shop"** where experts across diverse disciplines all meet together with the investigator in a single setting to provide coordinated assistance
  - **Ongoing process** that continues to work with the investigator and help make any necessary adjustments
  - **Complimentary** service

# Community and Collaboration Core (CCC) Recruitment Innovation Unit (RIU) @ JH ICTR

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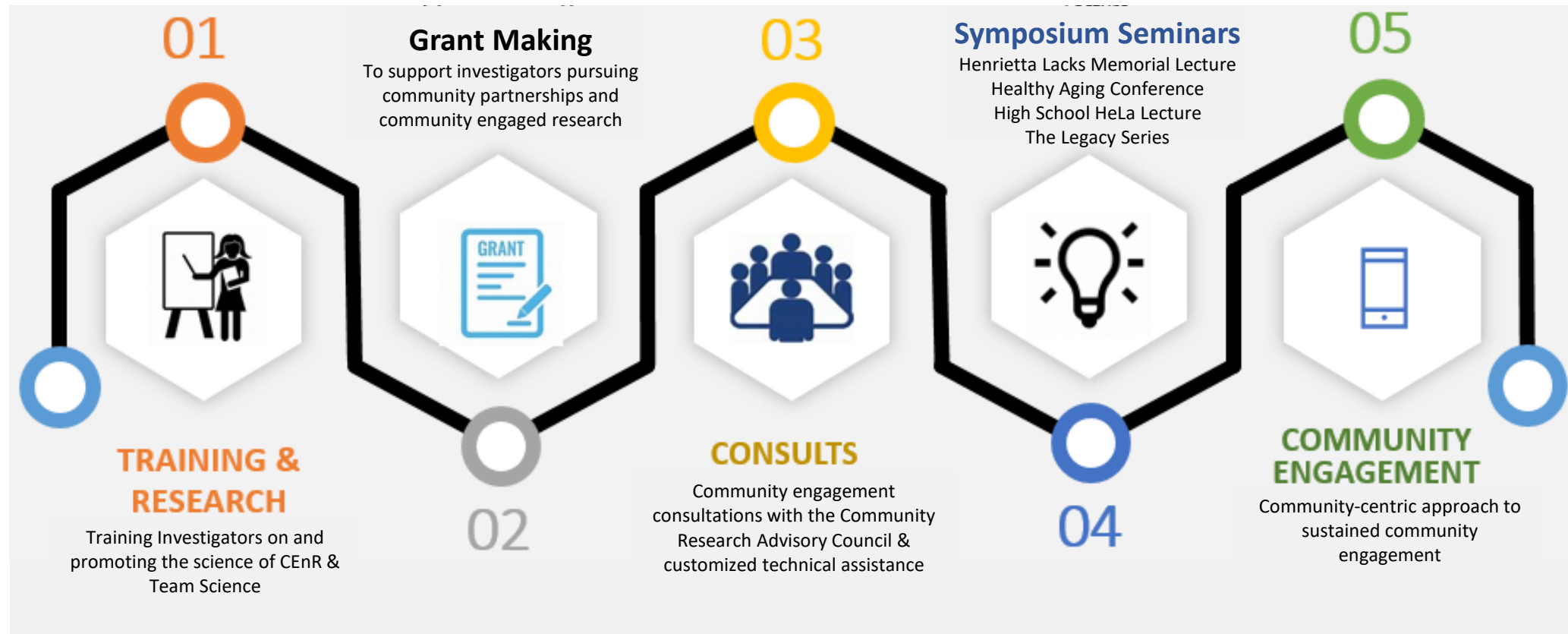
RIU: Cassie Lewis-Land, Program Administrator, [clewis20@jhmi.edu](mailto:clewis20@jhmi.edu)

<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/community-engagement/>

<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/recruitment/riu-consult/>

# Community and Collaboration Core (CCC)

## What We Do:



# Recruitment Innovation Unit (RIU)

## What We Do:

Services	Brief Explanation of Services
Social Media Recruitment Service	RIU creates and launches the paid advertisements, monitors the campaign's progress, and reports the metrics
HOPE registry	Centralized recruitment of COVID research participants
MyChart Recruitment	Utilize Epic MyChart patient portal to send recruitment invitations
RIU Research Consultation	Providing research consultation service and providing help with creating recruitment plans that address challenges



HOPE is a community of over 17,000 people interested in participating in COVID-19 outpatient research



The MyChart Recruitment Service sends out research messaging invitations thru the patient portal

We also support teams with:

- customize consults for developing recruitment plans
- developing and managing social media campaigns
- designing print and digital recruitment materials
- supporting community engagement in research

# Community and Collaboration Core (CCC) Recruitment Innovation Unit (RIU) @ JH ICTR

## How to Work with Us:

- ICTR Service Request Portal: <https://mrprcbcw.hosts.jhmi.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=A8FE8FT47W>
- Trainings and grants in community-engaged research and team science: Sarah Stevens, Research Program Manager [ssteve45@jhmi.edu](mailto:ssteve45@jhmi.edu)
- Community engagement consults: Crystal Evans, Community Relations Coordinator [cevans20@jhmi.edu](mailto:cevans20@jhmi.edu)
- Day at the Market Outreach: Barbara Bates-Hopkins, Community Relations Coordinator [bhopkin1@jhu.edu](mailto:bhopkin1@jhu.edu)
- Community engagement for COVID-19: Donald Young, Community Engagement Specialist [dyoung49@jhu.edu](mailto:dyoung49@jhu.edu)
- RUI Contact: Cassie Lewis-Land [clewis4@jhmi.edu](mailto:clewis4@jhmi.edu)



# Community and Collaboration Core (CCC) Recruitment Innovation Unit (RIU) @ JH ICTR

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Do tap into our team as you are designing your project and before you submit protocols to the IRB
- Do reach out to any of our core team members if you have questions.



# Research Collaborators

Path PCORNet – Daniel Ford, Harold Lehman, Megan Gauvey-Kern

Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network – Adrian Dobs

CAPRES – Mark Sulkowski and Jackie Lobien

# Research Collaborators

## What We Do:

Help researchers collaborate with research teams Johns Hopkins community sites (CAPRES) local community health systems (JHCRN) or academic health systems (PCORNet)

PCORNet has EMR database across organizations ready for analysis

## How to work with us:

Work with Jackie Lobien for CAPRES to determine if another JHHS site makes sense

Work with JHCRN leadership to present to JHCRN research committee – monthly Thursday 9 am

Work with Path to present to Front Door Committee

# Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network – Affiliate Sites



# Research Collaborators

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Need to start early (2 months before submission) to be respectful to collaborators and include budgetary support in any applications
- PCORNet can be utilized for studies not funded by PCORI
- ICTR can assist you with building patient partnerships

# Capital Region Research (CAPRES)

Mark Sulkowski, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Chief, Infectious Diseases Johns Hopkins Bayview  
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Trials and Capital Region Research

Jackie Lobien, BSN, CCRP-CP  
Director, CAPRES

# CAPRES

## What We Do:

- The primary responsibility of CAPRES is to grow research at JHM community hospitals (Suburban, Sibley, HCGH) in both volume and impact. CAPRES assists the investigators at the academic centers in Baltimore in expanding their enrollment by including research opportunities at the local hospitals where the patient receives treatment

## How to work with us:

- contact Jackie Lobien at [JLobien1@jhmi.edu](mailto:JLobien1@jhmi.edu)



# CAPRES







## Tips and Tricks to working with us:

- Consider including the community hospital sites (CAPRES) as early in the research process as possible (when writing a grant or signing a CDA for a sponsored study) as no sub-contracts are needed
- Sites can easily be added to one JHM IRB application in section 10

### 10 - Study Location

#### 1.0 Johns Hopkins Primary Sites:

+ Add

	Location	PI Name	PI Email	PI Phone	Notes
 Update	Suburban Hospital				
 Update	Sibley Memorial Hospital				
 Update	Howard County General Hospital				



# Clinical Research Units (CRUs)

Bayview: Suzanne Jan de Beur [sjandebe@jhmi.edu](mailto:sjandebe@jhmi.edu)

JHH (Blalock): Todd Brown [tbrown27@jhmi.edu](mailto:tbrown27@jhmi.edu)

PCRU: Robert Wood [rwood@jhmi.edu](mailto:rwood@jhmi.edu)

# Clinical Research Units (CRUs)

## What We Do:

- Provides dedicated, safe, clinically compliant space for research
- Access to well-trained and credentialed research personnel to perform study procedures
- Accommodates short to 24/7 multi-week research studies
- Offers specialized services
  - Drug administration, infusions
  - Frequent blood sampling for PK, PD etc
  - Blood and body fluid collection
  - DXA
  - Sleep studies
  - Cardiovascular studies
  - Exercise and body composition
- Train study teams
- Provides safety and compliance oversight of study teams
- Offers consultation from clinical research experts

## How to work with us:

- Application: Brief web-based application  
<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/study-conduct/clinical-research-units/apply/>
- Review process: streamlined, *administrative* review focused on capacity and feasibility
- Budgeting process in conjunction with full-time budget administrator based on charge master
- Timeline: two weeks after complete submission of application and budget

# Clinical Research Units (CRUs)

## Clinical Research Units (CRUs):

- Adult Outpatient CRUs
  - Blalock 3 (JHH)
  - 301 Building 4<sup>th</sup> floor (Bayview)
- Adult Inpatient/Domiciliary CRUs
  - Osler 5 (JHH)
  - 301 Building 4<sup>th</sup> floor (Bayview)
- Pediatric Outpatient/Inpatient CRU
  - Charlotte R. Bloomberg Building (JHH)
- COVID CRU
  - Bayview PODs

## Cores:

- Research Nutrition Core
- Cardiovascular/Exercise Physiology Core
- Core Lab

# Clinical Research Units (CRUs)

## **Tips and Tricks to working with us:**

- Christine LaPonzina: Application [claponz1@jhmi.edu](mailto:claponz1@jhmi.edu)
- Nicole Cooper: Budgeting Process [ncooper2@jhmi.edu](mailto:ncooper2@jhmi.edu)
- Virtual Tour:

<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/study-conduct/clinical-research-units/locations/>

- Charge Master:

[https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/programs\\_resources/programs-resources/clinical-research-units/](https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/programs_resources/programs-resources/clinical-research-units/)

# Core for Clinical Research Data Acquisition (CCDA)

[Bonnie Woods](#), Director of Clinical Research IT Services

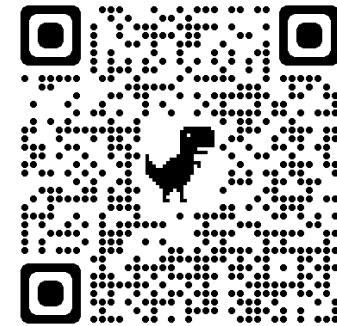
[Shipra Sachdeva](#), Manager, CCDA

# CCDA

## What We Do:

- Feasibility Counts for grant submission, IRB application
- Data extraction from Epic, PMAP, or other clinical systems
- Data de-identification
- Assistance using self-service cohort discovery tools (SlicerDicer, TriNetX, OMOP)
- Honest Broker services

## How to work with us:



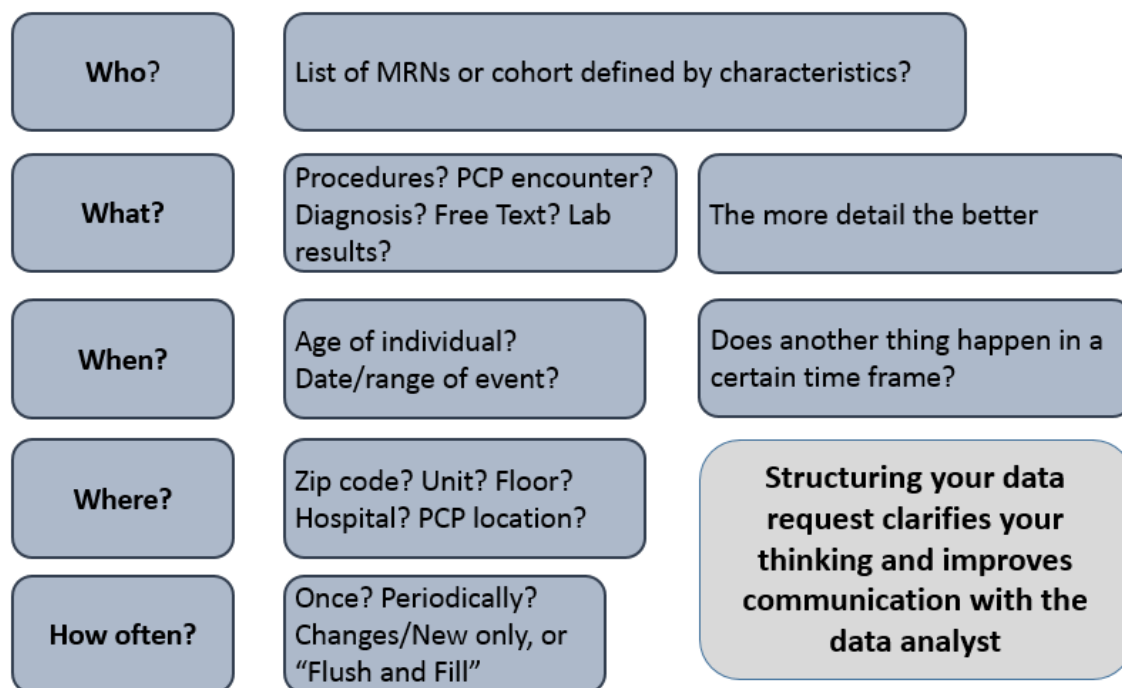
[Make a Request](#)

- We offer 2 hours of consultation service per project, covered by the ICTR (\$118/hour after 2 hours)

# CCDA

## Tips and Tricks to working with us:

- Structure your data request:



**Consult with a biostatistics service on study design and/or statistical analysis phases:**

- [BEAD Core](#)
- [JHSPH Biostatistics Core](#)

# OpenSpecimen

Bob Lange, Project Leader

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Hope Whitaker, IT Specialist

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# OpenSpecimen

## What We Do:

- OpenSpecimen is a biospecimen tracking, management and annotation tool with flexible workflows and user-friendly, robust query capability
- Epic patient lookup
- Data Trust's preferred biospecimen management system
- Interface with PMAP
- Our team provides support in configuring and using the tool to meet your biobanking needs

## How to work with us:

- Contact us via the ICTR website
- Email us directly:
  - Bob Lange ([rlangea@jhmi.edu](mailto:rlangea@jhmi.edu))
  - Hope Whitaker ([hwhitak1@jhmi.edu](mailto:hwhitak1@jhmi.edu))

# OpenSpecimen

## **Tips and Trick to working with us:**

- There is an overview and documentation available at <https://cscop.jhmi.edu/confluence/display/caTissue/OpenSpecimen+Tutorials>
- Contact our team to discuss your biospecimen management needs or for a demo
- We are a fee-for-service program, but there is a free tier with no monthly charge; we do charge hourly for the work that we do regardless of tier

# REDCap: Research Electronic Data Capture



[Scott Carey](#), Sr. Software Engineer – Lead REDCap Administrator (SOM/SON/JHH/JHBMC,KKI...)

[Andre Hackman](#), Asst. Scientist – SPH Biostats Consulting Center (SPH)

# REDCap

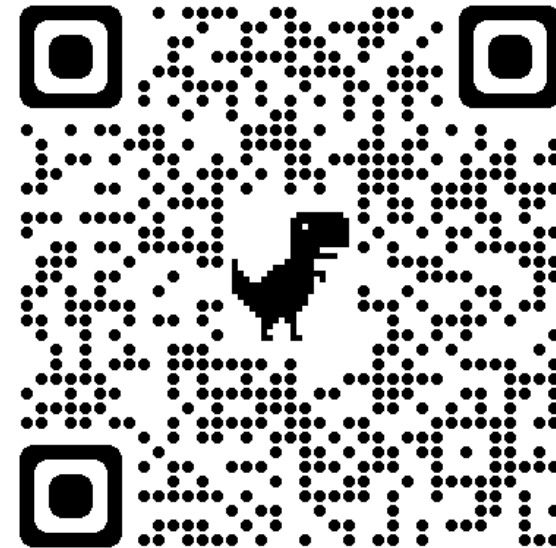
## What it is:

- Secure web-based, IRB approved application for building and managing research data environments.
- Allows direct data entry (study staff) as well as online surveys (study participants)
- Accommodates multi-site studies
- Integrates w/ EPIC at multiple levels
- Many other features (too many to discuss today)

## What We Do:

- Initial Consults
- REDCap Project Design Support
- Integration Support
- REDCap Technical Support

## How to work with us:



[redcap.jhu.edu](https://redcap.jhu.edu)

# REDCap

## Tips and Tricks to working with us:

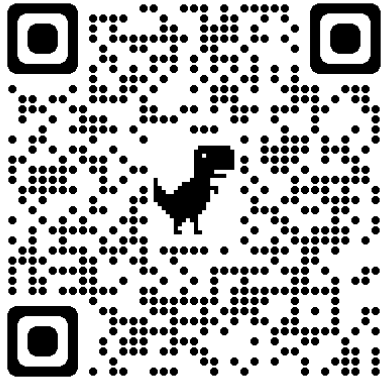
- Familiarize yourself with REDCap BEFORE submitting to IRB
- Plan accordingly for the appropriate support tier:
  - **Bronze:**
    - No cost... no support
    - Intended for smaller, unfunded projects
    - Some advanced features not available
  - **Silver:**
    - Includes support
    - Includes all REDCap features
  - **Gold:**
    - Includes additional support
    - Very large studies

**Consult with a biostatistics service on study design and/or statistical analysis phases:**

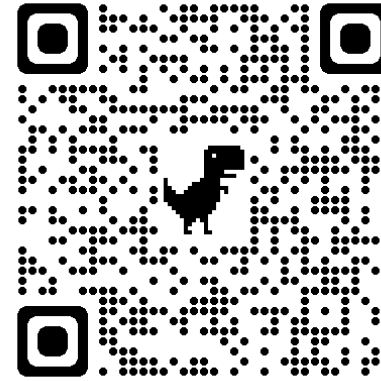
- [BEAD Core](#)
- [JHSPH Biostatistics Core](#)

# REDCap – Helpful Resources

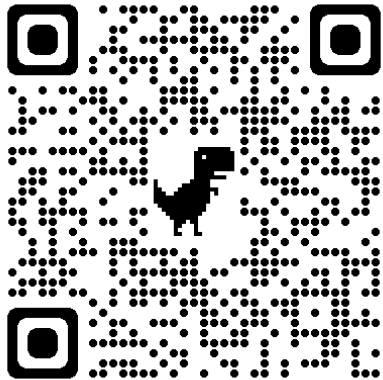
[REDCap Videos \(learn more\)](#)



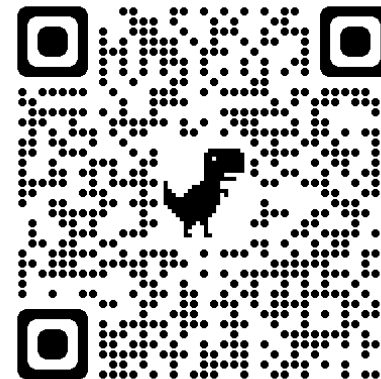
[JH REDCap Project Tiers](#)



[REDCap at JHU](#)



[JH REDCap Training Central](#)



# Research Coordinator Support Service (RCSS)

<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/study-conduct/rcss/>

# Research Coordinator Support Service (RCSS)

## What We Do:

- Formerly known as SCAMP, the ICTR Research Coordinator Support Service (RCSS) is a pool of trained coordinators able to handle a wide range of customizable responsibilities to best fit the needs of your research team
- Team of 15 Coordinators
- \$60-\$65/hour, all inclusive

## How to work with us:

- Reach out to us early
- <https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/study-conduct/rcss/>

**Make a Request**



# RCSS

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Reach out early (even at the grant writing, Pre-IRB stage)
- We can assist you with a variety of services
  - Consenting, regulatory, study management, research visits, data entry, etc.
- During the Work agreement phase we will outline
  - Specific duties, number of hours/week, duration of assignment, etc.
- Communication during assignments is essential as things change
- We assist investigators to rapidly onboard new research staff

# JHU ClinicalTrials.gov Program

[registerclinicaltrials@jhmi.edu](mailto:registerclinicaltrials@jhmi.edu)

# JHU ClinicalTrials.gov Program

## What We Do:

- Create accounts
- Provide assistance with identifying trials that need to report results and/or register
- Provide alerts to keep trials up-to-date
- Review each submission
- Run compliance reports
- Protect Institutional reputation

## How to work with us:

- [registerclinicaltrials@jhmi.edu](mailto:registerclinicaltrials@jhmi.edu)
- Reach out to us early



Anthony Keyes



Oswald Tetteh



Kimberly Hill

# JHU ClinicalTrials.gov Program

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- We assist investigators and study teams in SOM, SON, SKCCC, JHSPH and ACH
  - ANYONE CAN REACH OUT TO US
- We will send periodic, time-sensitive e-mails to alert you to potential noncompliance
  - RESPOND IN TIME
- There is a learning curve to understanding the regulations
  - LET US HELP YOU
- Invite us to speak with your department

# Johns Hopkins Office of Clinical Trials

Marian De Backer  
Director, Office of Clinical Trials

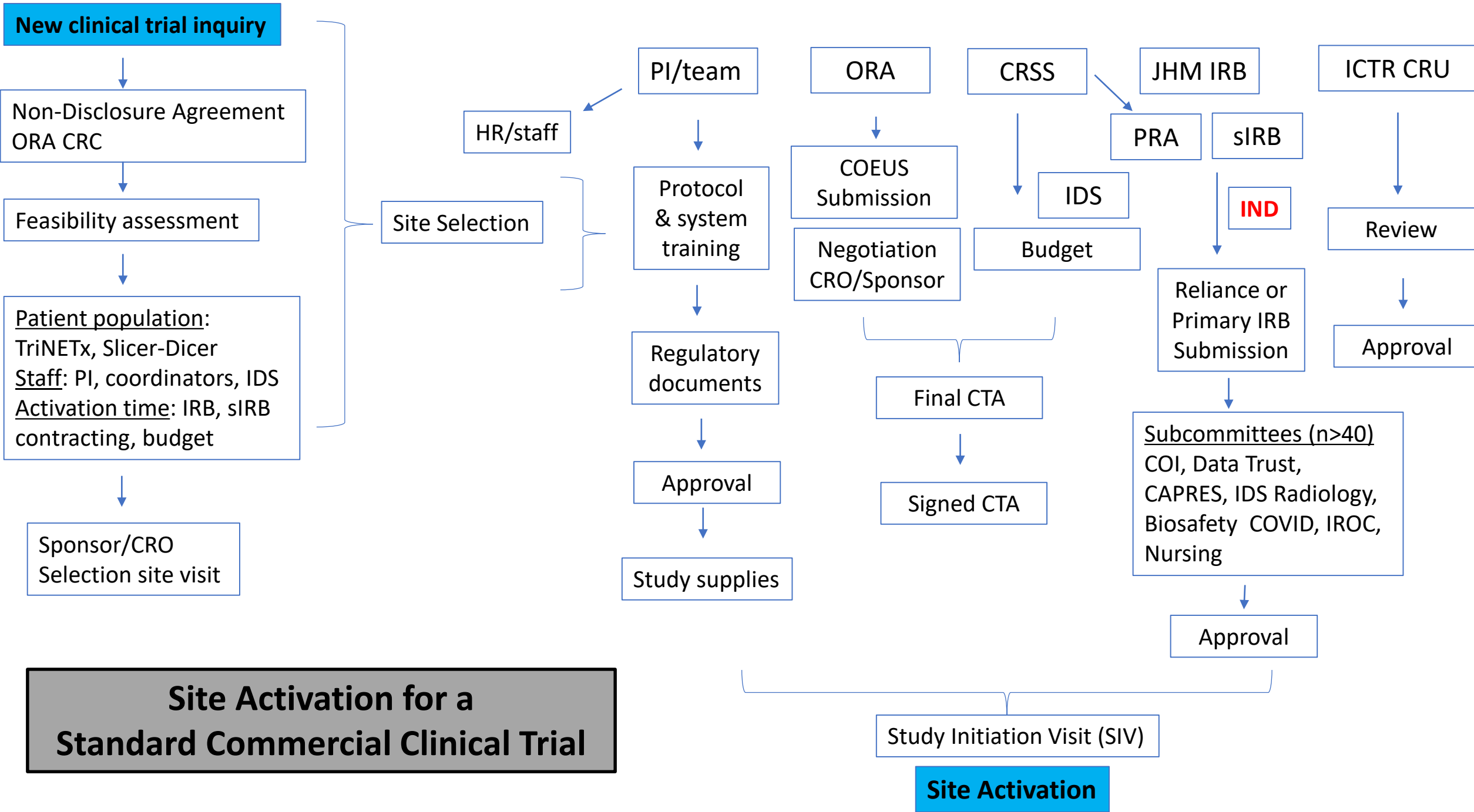
Mark Sulkowski, MD  
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Trials and Capital Research

[OCT@jh.edu](mailto:OCT@jh.edu)

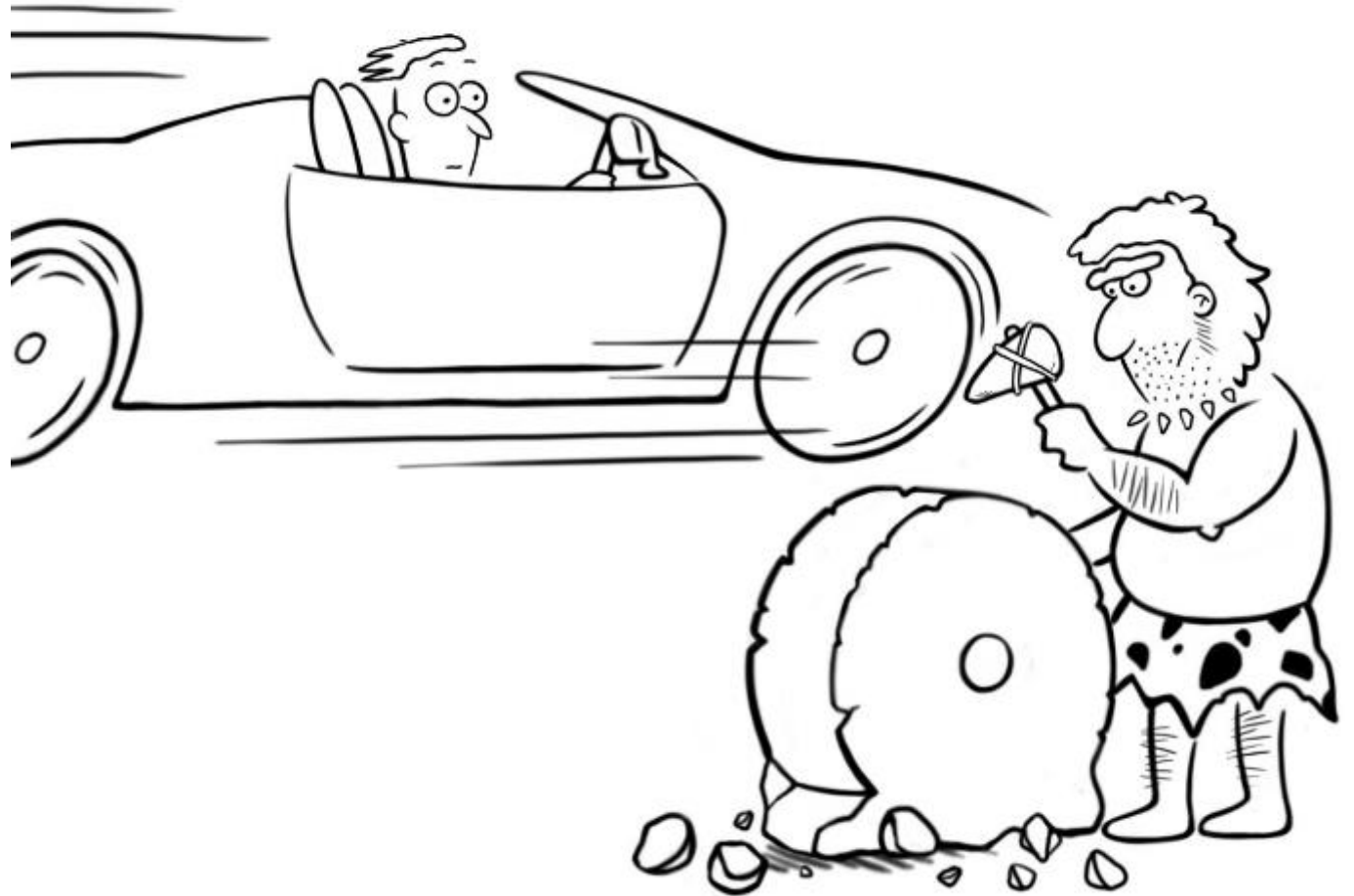
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# **The Office of Clinical Trials is focused on customer service**

The OCT is the central administrative office dedicated to enabling the Johns Hopkins clinical investigators and research teams to push the boundaries of discovery. We aim to support, train, and facilitate investigators who conduct clinical research to improve health and manage disease



**We strive to make  
clinical trials easier**





# OCT working organizational chart

**SOM clinical  
research  
leadership  
forum**

**SKCCC**

**Office of  
Clinical Trials**

**IRB**

**ICTR**

**Clinical Trials  
Contracting**

**Clinical Research  
Billing  
Compliance**

**Capital Region  
Research  
(CAPRES)**

**Clinical Research  
Support Services**

**Clinical Trials  
Management  
System**

**Clinical Research  
Operations**

**Investigational  
Drug Service**

**RCSS  
(Coordinators)**

**CT.gov**

**CRUs**

**JHCRN**

**Recruitment**

**CCDA**

**Clinical Trial  
Conduct**

**Clinical Trial  
Feasibility**

**Clinical Trial  
Start-Up**

**IND/IDE**

**Navigators**



# OCT: New programs

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/research/resources/offices-policies/office-clinical-trials/>

- IND/IDE regulatory program: Leader Eva Zimmerman
  - Registration of PI and protocol – before IRB and FDA submission
  - Consultation and service available
  - <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/research/resources/offices-policies/office-clinical-trials/investigational-regulatory-program>
- OnCore: Leader Sara Evans
  - Clinical Trials Management System
  - eReg Solution
- Clinical trial start-up service: Leader Marian De Backer
  - Team support/coordination from NDA to SIV to site activation
- Research at HCG, Suburban, Sibley (CAPRES): Leader Jackie Lobien

# Investigational New Drug (IND) / Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Regulatory Program

Eva Zimmerman, MCTM, CCRP, CIP, RAC | Director, IND/IDE Regulatory Program

For more information or questions, email the IND/IDE Regulatory Program: [IND\\_IDEprogram@jh.edu](mailto:IND_IDEprogram@jh.edu)

Schedule a [consultation](#)

# Investigational New Drug (IND) / Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Regulatory Program

The Investigational New Drug (IND)/Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Regulatory Program provides guidance to clinical investigators, sponsors, and sponsor-investigators regarding the process to secure institutional approval to serve in the role of sponsor-investigator and submit an application for an IND or IDE to the FDA in accordance with the institutional [policy](#) on Investigator-held INDs/IDEs.

## Step 1: IND/IDE Holder Review

Sponsor-Investigators must complete the investigator qualification process and be approved to serve as an IND/IDE holder. This approval process is only required once and may be completed at any time. Please complete the [investigator qualification survey](#).

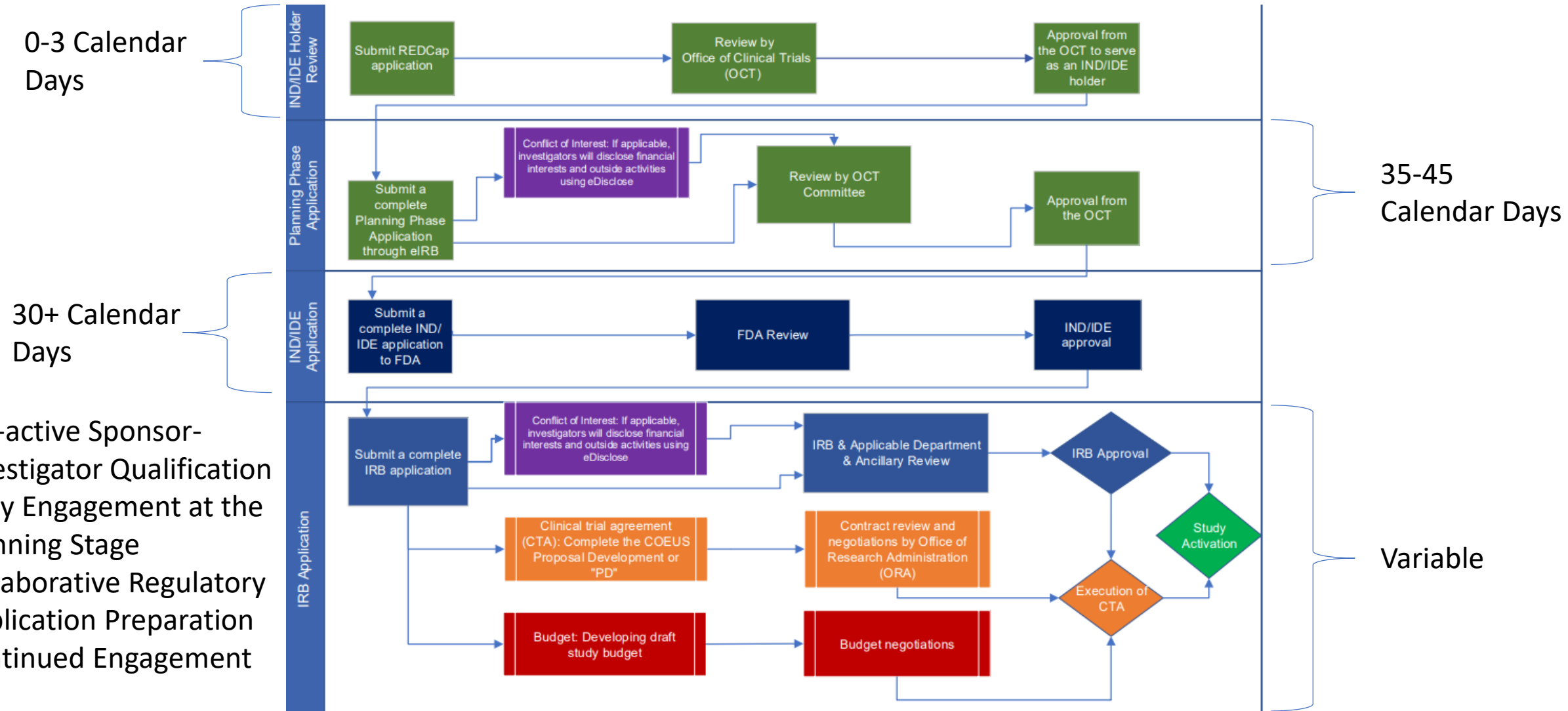
## Step 2: Planning Phase Application

- Sponsor-Investigators (IND/IDE holders) must submit a Planning Phase Application to the Johns Hopkins Medicine - Institutional Review Board (JHM eIRB) to initiate institutional review of requests to submit a new IND/IDE application. A Planning Phase Application must be approved by the Office of Clinical Trials (OCT) prior to submission to the FDA.
- Investigators should follow these [step by step instructions](#) for completion of the planning phase application.
- Each planning phase application must include the [IND/IDE Supplemental Form required for eIRB planning phase applications](#).

## Step 3: IND/IDE Application Submission to the FDA

## Step 4: IRB Application

# Investigational New Drug (IND) / Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Regulatory Program





# Clinical Research Contracting Office (“CRC”)

<https://ora.jhmi.edu/about-us/crc-crss-contact-information/>

Mont Brownlee III, JD  
Executive Director  
[fbrownl1@jhmi.edu](mailto:fbrownl1@jhmi.edu)

# Clinical Research Contracting



## What We Do:

CRC negotiates all clinical research agreements with commercial sponsors.

Not just Clinical Trial Agreements, but also Nondisclosure Agreements, Data Use Agreements, Material Transfer Agreements, etc.

## How to work with us:

NDA's may be submitted by email.

Other agreements need to go through JHU's online submission system – your department staff can assist with this.

# Clinical Research Contracting



## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Don't wait! Contract reviews, budget negotiations, and IRB applications should all run in parallel; don't finish one before starting the next.
- Good coordination between the study team and your department staff is important to making sure that your contract application is accurate and complete.
- And please make sure that the workscope included in the contract matches up with the protocol submitted to the IRB.



# Office of Clinical Trials

## Clinical Research Support Services (CRSS)

## Clinical Research Billing Compliance (CRBC)

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[CRSS@jhmi.edu](mailto:CRSS@jhmi.edu)

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# Program Name

## What We Do:

CRSS – develops Prospective Reimbursement Analysis (PRA) delineation of SOC vs. research; develops and negotiates commercial clinical trial budgets

CRBC – adjudicates patient care charges according to PRA

## How to work with us:

PRA - can be initiated by IRB submission or contact central mailbox

Budget – message to central mailbox requesting assistance

Billing - contact central mailbox

# Program Name

## Tips and Trick to working with us:

- Please contact our central mailboxes which are monitored continuously, or Karen Roz directly

[CRSS@jhmi.edu](mailto:CRSS@jhmi.edu)

Karen Roz, Director

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Liza Rodriguez, Sr. Associate Director

[erodri13@jhmi.edu](mailto:erodri13@jhmi.edu)

- CRSS/CRBC has several training sessions that can be altered for investigators and delivered one on one.

## Office of Research Administration

Thomas Burns, JD, MBA Assistant Dean

Sharel Brown, MPhil, CRA Associate Director

<https://ora.jhmi.edu/>

# Office of Research Administration

## What We Do:

Grant proposal submissions  
JIT, prior approval requests  
Grant award review  
SRA negotiation/signature  
MTA, DUA, CDA  
Clinical Trial Agreements  
Subawards

## How to work with us:

[COEUS](#)- all proposal/contract submissions

[Department Assignments](#)

[SWiFT](#) for Outgoing Subawards

[ORA Website](#)

# Office of Research Administration

Tips and Trick to working with us:

- All proposals/contracts require a COEUS record. Make sure you are working with your Department Administration to route.
- Find your Department/Division [ORA contacts](#)
- Know the University's [applicable F & A rates](#)
- Submit applications within the [3 day deadline](#)

# Office of Human Subjects Research and the Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Kenneth Borst, JD

Associate Director of Operations

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Phone: (443) 927-1458

# IRBs at Johns Hopkins—

- First established in 1971
- Three separate IRBs
  - 1. School of Medicine
  - 2. School of Public Health
  - 3. Homewood
- Where to submit would be the PI's primary affiliation.



# SOM IRBs meeting composition and frequency–

- 8 IRBs (1,2,3,5,6,X, EC and JHM ACH)
- Each IRB meets weekly except JHM ACH IRB and EC
- Emergency IRB
- IRBs meet for 2 hours; review 20 plus applications/week including:
  - New Applications
  - Change in Research
  - Continuing Review
  - Protocol Events
- Agendas are finalized 7 to 10 days prior to the meeting

# The IRB Reviews –

- **Convened:** more than minimal risk and/or research involving vulnerable populations; full board review
- **Expedited:** must present no more than minimal risk as defined by FDA regulations; 1 reviewer
- **Exempt:** Includes some research done in educational settings, observations of public behavior, surveys, most chart reviews, use of publically available data, or taste and food quality evaluation. This category does not apply to FDA regulated research; this **exempt** from some federal regulations.
- **Not Human Subjects Research (NHSR)/ Quality Improvement (QI):** Research does not involve identifiable human subjects (NHSR). Data collection and analysis activities in the healing services area that are not intended for general scientific knowledge, but rather are used as a management tool to improve the provision of services to a specific health care population (QI/QA)

# OHSR Staff–

- [Pre-Team IRB Coordinator/Analyst](#) - For questions regarding when an application will be scheduled for review, issues returned in a pre-review note and placement of documents in the application.
- [Post Team IRB Coordinator/Analyst](#) - For questions regarding the outcome of a study, requesting an extension to respond, stamped documents, questions about tabled issues or questions about your outcome letter.
- [Consent Form Specialists](#) - For questions about consent forms, the consenting process or types of consent please contact one of the consent form specialists.
- [Compliance Associates](#) - For questions about regulatory issues, compliance with federal, state and local policies, general compliance issues, protocol events or noncompliance.
- [Reliance Team](#) - For questions about requesting a reliance agreement, single IRBs for a multi-center study, or relying on a commercial IRB please contact the IRB Reliance Program.

# Process—

- Pre-meeting
  - Initial submission
  - Ancillary reviews (pre/concurrent/post)
  - Assignment
  - 48 hours pre-review
  - Scheduled for an agenda
- Post-meeting
  - Meeting date
  - Minutes finalized
  - Outcomes letters processed

# IRB Communication—

- OHSR is fully remote
  - MS Teams
  - Signature line
  - Request a consult: [link](#)
  - IRB Help Desk email: [jhmeirb@jhmi.edu](mailto:jhmeirb@jhmi.edu)
  - IRB Help Desk phone 410-502-2092
  - Ancillary Committees: [Department & Ancillary Reviews - Hopkins Medicine](#)

# Institutional Compliance Training Requirements

- SOM affiliates must provide evidence of Human Subjects Research-Biomedical Research Training, Conflict of Interest & Commitment and Researchers compliance training. These courses are now included in our [Initial IRB Compliance Training Bundle](#). Clinical Research Billing Orientation is required for PIs and study team members who obtain consent on human subjects research studies.
- Any course that is also administered on the CITI website should be should be registered through myLearning. Otherwise once completed, your training will not automatically update.
- SOM affiliates are required to recertify Human Subjects Research Training every 3 years. PIs register for Principal Investigator Human Subject Recertification. Non-PIs register for Study Team Member Human Subject Recertification.
- School of Public Health and Homewood affiliates are required to provide evidence of their institutional Basic Human Subject Research compliance training and are required to recertify their HSR training every 5 years.

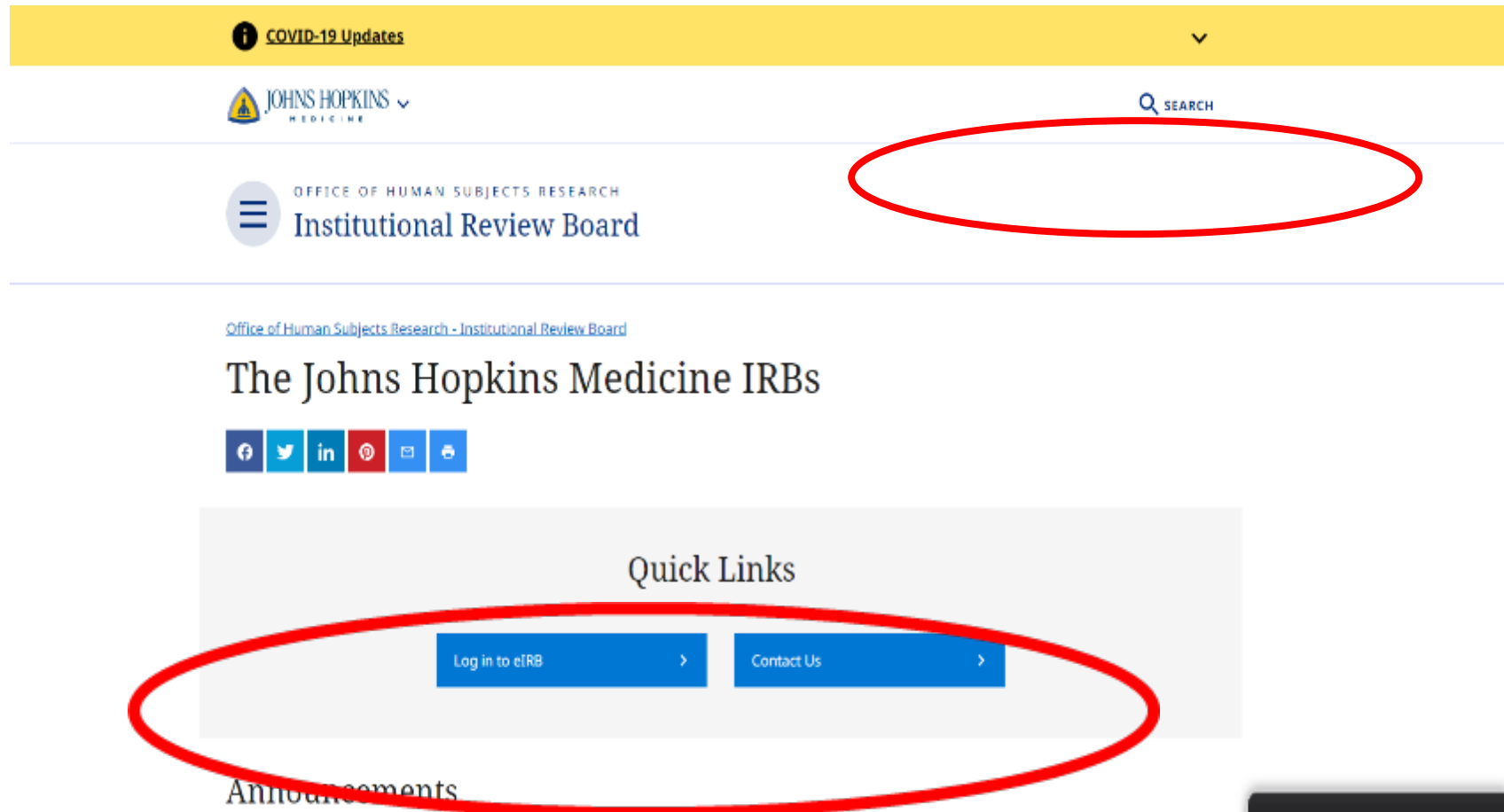
# REWards training

The Research Ethics Workshops About Responsibilities and Duties of Scientists (REWards) program is designed to address key concepts in human subjects protection in specific research communities. REWards combines lectures and small group discussions to provide practical information on the ethical issues involved in research protocol development and implementation.

- **Who needs it?**

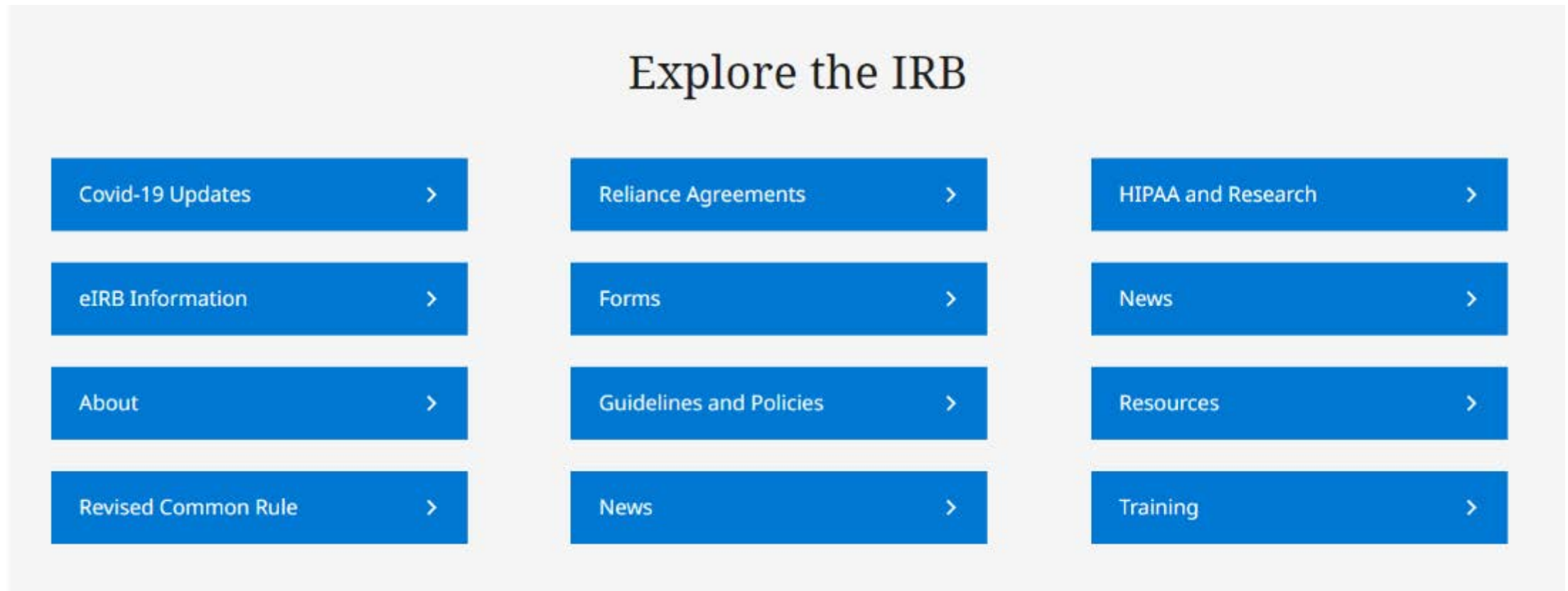
- New Principal Investigators must complete their requirement to attend REWards within one year from the date of their first eIRB protocol submission as a PI. **PIs must attend 2 workshops to fulfill their training requirement.**
- If the PI does not complete REWards within 1 year from the date of their first eIRB submission, they will not be able to submit new applications or changes in research until the requirement has been met. For eIRB applications that are determined to be not human subjects research (NHSR) REWards training is recommended, but not required.

# IRB Website [http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board)





# The different tabs provide further information on those IRB topics



# Useful Resources

- FAQ Page:

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board/about/faqs.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board/about/faqs.html)

- IRB Membership: Each committee is listed with the date of the meeting and roster.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board/about/irbs/index.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board/about/irbs/index.html)

- Forms Page: Includes are protocol templates, consent form templates, recruitment, reliance and other forms that may be useful.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board/forms/](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board/forms/)

- Reliance Agreement Page: Provides information on reliance agreements and how to start the process.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board/about/agreements/index.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board/about/agreements/index.html)

- Department and Ancillary Review Page: Lists the different reviews that can occur. These reviews can occur pre, concurrent or post IRB review. Also includes the reviewers name and contact information.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional\\_review\\_board/guidelines\\_policies/guidelines/dept\\_prereview.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/institutional_review_board/guidelines_policies/guidelines/dept_prereview.html)

# Investigator Home Page

- Left Navigation Bar

- Account Management (*Non-JHED Users Only*)
- My IRB Studies
- Create New Application

- Welcome Message

- Link to Archive eIRBwebsite
- User alerts
- Important research community eIRB updates and announcements

**Account Management**  
Admin Tasks  
Biorepositories Transfer Workspace  
Compliance Team Workspace  
Department Review Workspace  
eIRB Training  
IRB Review Workspace  
IRB 1 Workspace  
IRB 2 Workspace  
IRB 3 Workspace  
IRB 5 Workspace  
IRB 6 Workspace  
IRB All Workspace  
IRB EC Workspace  
IRB EXT Workspace  
IRB X Workspace  
JHACH IRB Workspace  
**My IRB Studies**  
Sibley Workspace  
Suburban Workspace  
**Create New Application**  
Create...

## Welcome to eIRB2

Updates to the Human Subjects Research Compliance Training Registration Process: Starting January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, improvements will be implemented to the registration process for Human Subjects Research (HSR) Compliance Training. Investigators and Study Team Members will be able to enroll in required training courses (initial training, ICH GCP and recertification) by selecting one "bundle" in myLearning. Once enrolled in myLearning, you will be directed to the CITI site where courses will be added to your plan by selecting the "bundle" you wish to complete. Please review this guide on how to get started. For additional questions, please contact the IRB Help Desk at [jhmeirb@jhmi.edu](mailto:jhmeirb@jhmi.edu).

**NOTICE: eIRB101 Training** is available virtually every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from 10 am - 12 pm. Please use the following link to register: <http://lms14.learnspace.com/l.aspx?CID=89&A=2&T=358053> Email [jhmeirb@jhmi.edu](mailto:jhmeirb@jhmi.edu) to cancel registration.

eIRB1 is accessible to study teams and IRB members and staff in a read-only format for the foreseeable future. For studies that were approved in the original eIRB system, you may view the application, its associated FSAs and approval letters, and approved stamped documents at the following link: <https://archive.e-irb.jhmi.edu>

**Questions? We have answers!**  
Click here to contact the JHMI IRB

Action Required	Researcher Prep	In Process	Approved	All My IRB Studies
<b>New Application</b>				
Filter by  ID  Enter text to search for  + Add Filter X Clear All				
No data to display.				
page 1 no results				

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# Investigator Workspace

- Studies List
  - Studies are listed by project type

## Studies List

- Your studies are listed by type.
  - New Application
  - Change in Research
  - Continuing Review/Progress Report
  - Protocol Event
  - Termination Report
  - Emergency Use
- Click the study name to open the study workspace.

The screenshot displays the 'Studies List' interface within the 'Investigator Workspace'. At the top, a navigation bar includes tabs for 'Action Required', 'Research Prop.', 'In Progress', 'Approved', and 'All My R&R Studies'. Below this, the interface is organized into a list of study types, each with a corresponding button and a search bar. The study types listed are: 'New Application', 'Change in Research', 'Continuing Review/Progress Report', 'Protocol Events', 'Termination Report', and 'Emergency Use'. Each button is circled in red. To the right of each button, there is a search bar with a 'Go' button and a 'No results' message. At the bottom of each section, there is a pagination bar showing '1 page', '1 results', and '10' items per page.

# Investigator Tabs

## Action Required (*default tab*)

- Studies that have been returned for PI response

## Researcher Prep

- Studies that have never been submitted

## In Process

- Studies awaiting Pre-IRB or IRB review

## Approved

- Studies that have been approved

## All My IRB Studies

- All approved, disapproved, expired, terminated, or withdrawn studies with which you are associated.

The screenshot shows the IRB system interface with the following components:

- Tabs:** Action Required, Researcher Prep (active), In Process, Approved, All My IRB Studies.
- New Application Section:** Includes a filter dropdown set to 'ID', a search box, and buttons for 'Go', '+ Add Filter', and 'x Clear All'.
- Table 1:** Displays a single application in the Researcher Prep state.

ID	Name	Current State	State Change Date	PI Last Name
NA_00072934	IRB Staff Application	Researcher Prep	1/23/2014 12:18 PM	Singleton
- Change In Research Section:** Includes a filter dropdown set to 'ID', a search box, and buttons for 'Go', '+ Add Filter', and 'x Clear All'.
- Table 2:** Displays a single application in the Researcher Prep state.

ID	Name	Study Title	Current State	State Change Date	PI Last Name
CIR00066270	Change In Research: CIR00066270 For: IRB00000007	Test application for 2019 Release #3	Researcher Prep	2/5/2020 1:23 PM	Scherer
- Continuing Review/Progress Report Section:** Includes a filter dropdown set to 'ID', a search box, and buttons for 'Go', '+ Add Filter', and 'x Clear All'.
- Message:** 'No data to display.'

# Application Workspace

- The **View** function is how you access the application
- The **Print Friendly** function is similar to the *View* function which allows you to access the application and view in a continuous scroll.
- **View Differences** function will show any changes made to the application since the last submission.

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» Dashboard All IRB Studies

**Current Status**  
Researcher Prep

**Application Workspace**

**Project Editor** ←

View/Edit  
Print Friendly  
View Differences

**Current Activities**

Request Study Team Participation  
Submit IND Safety Reports  
Agree to Participate

**IRB Staff Application**

**Number:** NA\_00072994

**Principal Investigator:** Megan Singleton

**IRB Committee:**

**Review Type:** Expedited

**Date Submitted:**

**Review Date:**

**Common Rule Version:** The Revised Common Rule

**IRB Review Form**

# Navigation Panel

- Navigation Panel appears on left side of application.
- The Navigation Panel shows eIRB application sections on the left side and is available on all actions (new, change in research, continuing review, etc.).
- Each available application section will appear on the left navigation panel allowing you to jump to a specific section in the application.

The screenshot displays the Johns Hopkins eIRB2 application interface. At the top, the header includes the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine logo and the text "eIRB2". Below the header, there are navigation links for "Validate" and "Compare". The main content area is titled "Editing: NA\_00072994". On the left side, a navigation panel is visible, outlined in red, listing various application sections: "1 - General Information" (highlighted in orange), "2 - Study Team Compliance Training", "6 - Protocol Information", "7 - Clinical Trials Information", "8 - Conflict of Interest", "9 - Support Information", "10 - Study Location", "11 - Sample Size", and "12 - Participant Information". The right side of the interface shows the "1 - General Information" section, which includes fields for "ID: NA\_00072994", "Principal Investigator" (Megan Singleton), "Will the PI obtain consent for this study?" (Yes/No), "Is the PI a JHHS RN?" (Yes/No), "Indicate the PI's primary affiliation" (Other - Affiliation Not Listed), and "Title of Study".

# Transferring Human Biospecimens –

- Human biospecimens obtained for clinical and/or research purposes at any Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM) facility are the property of the applicable JHM entity under whose authority the samples were collected. Any transfer of human biospecimens must meet the institution's policy and procedural requirements. [ADMIN015: Transferring Human Biospecimens to Outside Organizations](#)
- The JHM Human Biospecimens Transfer Committee (“Committee”) is responsible for the review of transfer requests.
- There are supporting documents that must accompany the human biospecimen transfer request. Please see: [Transferring Human Biospecimens to Outside Organizations - Hopkins Medicine](#)



# Practice Protocols

# Clinical Research Registry – No Funding

- Consult research studio or Trial Innovation Unit (TIU) to develop research hypotheses
- Consult with CCDA about access to clinical data
- Consult RedCap about setting up research data collection
- Consult with CRAC to get consult from community on priorities and design – recruitment and return of results
- Consult with OpenSpecimen for IT support for biospecimen collection
- Submit application to IRB (with Data Trust Council review)

# NIH/PCORI application for single site clinical trial

- Consult with Trial Innovation Unit
- Consult with Biostatistics Center
- Consult with Community Research Engagement
- Consult with Recruitment Innovation Center
- Consult with Clinical Research Units
- Consult with Research Coordinator Support Office
- Consult with [clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) office
- Work with Clinical Research Support Services (Budget for Clinical Services) in OCT
- Submit application through ORA
- Submit protocol to IRB

# Multicenter commercially sponsored trial - application to be a clinical site

- Consult with OCT about feasibility
- Work with OCT for PRA/budget/contract
- Consult with Research Coordinator Support Service
- Consult with Recruitment Innovation Center
- Submit application to the IRB

# NIH/PCORI Application for Multisite Clinical Trial

- Consult with Trial Innovation Unit
- Consider collaborators through PaTH PCORNet and JHCRN
- Consult with Biostatistics Center
- Consult with IRB about single IRB arrangements
- Consult with Community Research Engagement and Recruitment Program
- Work with OCT for PRA/budget (and possibly IND/IDE)
- Submit application through ORA
- Submit protocol to IRB

QUESTIONS?