Dear TU Research Community:

**NOTICE: REVISED COMMON RULE IS NOW IN EFFECT - JANUARY 21, 2019**

 The F[inal revision](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/finalized-revisions-common-rule/index.html) to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (a.k.a. the "**Common Rule**") was issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on January 18, 2017, and is NOW IN EFFECT as of **January 21, 2019**.

 These changes to the Common Rule affect all research institutions who conduct human subjects research in the United States.

**Now that the 2018 Common Rule is in effect, is there anything I need to know going forward?**

**Newly Revised Informed Consent Form templates and Instructions:** After receiving feedback from the research community, The University of Tulsa Institutional Review Board (IRB), that reviews research of human subjects, has recently updated IRB Informed Consent Form templates and Informed Consent Form Instructions. The ‘short” and “regular’ forms were too confusing, so now there is only one version of each type of consent form to choose. The “Informed Consent Form Instructions” has been updated to reflect the new consent forms and for additional clarification. We will be adding completed form template samples for your reference in the near future. See <https://utulsa.edu/research/office-research/research-compliance/irb-protection-human-subjects/>

**Updated 2018CR regulation IRB Training modules are now available on CITI.** The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), has replaced some of the IRB training modules that were affected by the 2018 Common Rule. Those IRB training modules that had pre-2018CR regulation language in them were automatically replaced with revised 2018CR content over the weekend (Jan. 19-20, 2019). If you log into your CITI account, there should be no change to the status of your current IRB training course. The newly updated modules are already part of next IRB course you complete. The TU IRB recommends that you re-take your IRB training course when you have time, however, will not require you to complete them until your next IRB refresher course is due.

\*You will also see new IRB courses called “Legacy” courses. These IRB courses contains all the pre-2018 Common Rule regulations, for certain types of research that will continue to follow the pre-2018CR regulations.

**Look out for announcements on new guidance materials.** The Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) has stated that it will be sending out guidance materials and assessment tools to assist the research community, in the near future. As these materials become available, the TU IRB Office will send out notices and post information on its webpage: <https://utulsa.edu/research/office-research/research-compliance/irb-protection-human-subjects/>

**If you have further questions** and would like to set up a time to go over the 2018CR regulations and how they may affect your research, please contact the Research Compliance Coordinator, Carmen Schaar-Walden at carmen-schaar-walden@utulsa.edu or 918-631-3310.

**More information from the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP):**

NO MORE DELAYS … Starting January 21, 2019, the research community will need to comply with the Common Rule revisions! Check out our Q & As on transition at: [**https://tinyurl.com/ycwak6f2**](https://tinyurl.com/ycwak6f2)

Share and bookmark this page to access OHRP educational resources on the revised Common Rule: [**https://tinyurl.com/y848uchz**](https://tinyurl.com/y848uchz)