Protecting Human Subjects

IRB & COVID-19

Please read our FAQs here. They will be continually updated in response to questions that arise from investigators.

- The IRB office, committees and iRIS system are fully operational.
- IRB meetings are taking place remotely, on their normal schedule.
- We have established dedicated IRB analysts for COVID research. Our focus is to accelerate and facilitate COVID research and to ensure all studies proceed per University policy.

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The Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) reviews and monitors research involving human subjects at UCSF and several affiliate institutions to ensure the ethical and equitable treatment of the research subjects. Read more about the HRPP program [2].

The HRPP is comprised of these groups:

- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) [3], which reviews human subject research studies [4] and learn how to apply to the IRB [5],
- The Quality Improvement Unit (QIU) [6], which conducts monitoring [6], education [7] and other QI activities [8], and
- The Human Gamete, Embryo and Stem Cell Research (GESCR) Committee [9].

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