



Welcome to the Spring 2015 edition of Tufts Health Sciences IRB News
Updates and useful information from the IRB office for Investigators, Coordinators, and other members of your research team

New Subject Wallet Card

We have posted an IRB approved [Subject Wallet Card template](#) on the IRB website for use.

This card has been approved by the Tufts Health Sciences IRB for use. You can modify it for your study without needing further IRB approval, provided the information on the card is restricted to the information in the template.

Please consider providing this wallet card to subjects so they can easily access your study contact information.

New Policy on Direct Advertising Material for Recruitment

Please take a look at the [new policy](#) on our website to help you develop direct advertisements for recruitment, including the use of social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.

Learn what does and does not need to be submitted to the IRB for approval, as well as tips for verbiage to use in advertisements.

New "Ask the IRB"

Do you have a question for the IRB that you would like answered in a future newsletter?

Please email your question to [Ashley Rhoads](#) in consideration for the "Ask the IRB" question and answer section to be added to future editions of the Tufts Health Sciences IRB Newsletter.

Note: For study specific questions, please contact the IRB office directly to receive a timely response.

Tip Getting Amendments Approved: Part 2

For amendment reviews that are faster & better, Be sure to submit a great cover letter!

When submitting a modification for a study, include a detailed cover letter that *lists all changes being made* and the rationale for making these changes.

For more information about amendments, refer to the [IRB amendments page](#) where you can also download a [template cover letter](#) for use.

New IRBook Club

The IRBook Club hopes to promote open dialogue of hot topics in the ever-evolving field of bioethics.

Please join us for the first official *IRBook Club*, meeting on: **Friday, June 5th**
IRB office
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

We will discuss Rebecca Skloot's book, [*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*](#).

Space is limited, so make sure to RSVP by emailing IRBOffice@tuftsmedicalcenter.org

Update Posting Your Study on the Tufts Medical Center Clinical Trials Website

If you are planning to post your study on the [Tufts Medical Center Clinical Trials website](#), you can now download the required form from the [IRB website](#) or directly at the Tufts Medical Center [Research Administration website](#).

Posting your study on this site does not require IRB approval, and there is no cost associated with posting Tufts Medical Center studies*.

*Non Tufts Medical Center studies cost \$250 to post.

Update Twitter Revamp

Please take some time to explore the newly improved [IRB Twitter](#) page which is linked on our main [website](#)!

Be sure to follow us to receive informative tips and important reminders.

Feel free to tweet the IRB your "Ask the IRB" questions.

Tip Choosing Your CITI Learner Group

All Research Team members should choose either "Biomedical Researchers" or "Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers" when selecting a Learner Group in your CITI account.

The other 2 Learner Group options are only for IRB Members and should be selected by those that serve on an IRB Committee at Tufts Medical Center or Tufts University.

Contact us!

Bookmark our [IRB Staff](#) page for guidance to contact the staff member who can best provide assistance with specific questions.

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