

Research Conflict of Interest Updates

Research Conflict of Interest Committee has been formed!

- This committee will review and approve COI management plans for investigators who have potential conflicts of interest with research studies overseen by the Vail Health IRB
- The committee is comprised of voting and ex officio members with expertise in: compliance, legal, research, risk management, finance, and a community member.

Research COI Management Plan xForm

- Starting in July 2023 the management plans will become an electronic document drafted and managed within IRB Manager
- The review process remains the same as the paper version.
 - RCOI office drafts the management plan
 - Plan is sent to the investigator for feedback**
 - Plan is then reviewed by the RCOI committee
 - Plan is sent to the IRB to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place for subjects
 - Plan is circulated for electronic signature by investigator and saved in the investigators IRB Manager account.

**Investigator has 7 days to provide feedback before the form automatically moves to the next stage. If you want review of your management plan delegated to someone else, please contact the RCOI office to indicate your preferred designee.

The Vail Health HRPP policy and procedures has been updated to include research conflict of interest. This is available in [IRB Manager](#) and the [Vail Health IRB webpage](#).



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Research Conflicts of Interest

Our research conflict of interest (COI) disclosure department requires the submission of an annual conflicts of interest disclosure xForm in [IRBManager](#). This annual process began July 1st, and the submission deadline is August 14th.

Please email the research conflicts of interest office, ResearchConflictOfInterest@vailhealth.org with any questions or concerns regarding any research conflict of interest topic.

Resources on IRB Webpage

We are striving to provide our researchers with easily accessible information and guidance. On our [webpage](#) you will find training videos, study templates, the investigator manual, Full Board meeting dates, and more.

New IRB Team Member

We are happy to announce our new IRB Specialist, Claire Wilson. She will begin July 10th.

Claire has been an IRB Board member for the past three years while also working for Eagle Valley Behavioral Health. She has been a resident and worked in the valley over the past 6 years.

We believe Claire will be an excellent addition to our HRPP team!

Upcoming Coordinator Meeting Dates

July 13th
August 10th
September 14th

Our coordinators meeting run about a half hour starting at 12pm. If you would like to be added to the meeting invites, please email the irboffice@vailhealth.org.

We update our research community on any upcoming changes and always provide an educational topic that addresses a current concern in the research community. These meetings are ones you don't want to miss!

New Department Name

The previous department for the IRB was Institutional Review Board (IRB), while this was correct at the time our program has grown greatly over the past few years. Our program has expanded to include both conflict of interest and quality. With the addition of these two components, we fit the model of a Human Research Protections Programs (HRPP). Our new department name is Vail Health HRPP. This includes our IRB, research conflict of interest and quality programs.

Submission Turnaround Times The latest updates

Total number of submissions for 2023: 225 submissions
(Includes all submission types)

134 Active Protocols

Full Board reviews: 21 days
Expedited reviews: 1 days
Exempt reviews: 1 days

*Calculated based on the time the IRB receives complete submission to approval. Includes times in data entry, department review, IRB pre-review, review, and post processing

Upcoming IRB Meetings Schedule

July 13, 2023
August 10, 2023
September 14, 2023
October 12, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 14, 2023

*Agendas for meetings are sent one week prior to the meeting date. Only studies ready for Full Board review are assigned to the meeting agenda.

Contact Us Anytime We are here to help!

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