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The Institutional Review Board

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Happy New Year! MUSC's website has been updated! Guidance documents, templates, policies & procedures, and suggestions for approved document language are all posted on the IRB website. Check out our website before you begin working on an initial application to familiarize yourself with the available resources and guidance. Another helpful resource is the SUCCESS Center, which offers guidance and other services when preparing any type of IRB submission.

IRB Forms

SUCCESS Center

IRB Updates

2026 IRB Meeting Dates and Deadlines

The IRB website has been updated with the 2026 Meeting Dates and Deadlines for Full Board submissions. Please keep in mind that initial submissions must be received via eIRB by the posted deadlines.

Tip: An easy way to know if the IRB has received the study – check the State of the study to make sure it is in "IRB Staff Review".

IRB Meeting Dates & Deadlines

Updated Policies!

Over the past year, the MUSC IRB has updated several policies. The following policies have been updated:

Section 1.1 - Description, Principles, and Authority for MUSC HRPP

Section 1.4 - Scientific/Scholarly Review of Protocols Policy and Procedures

Section 1.6 - Communicating Conflict of Interest (COI) among IRB, ORSP, and University COI Committees

Section 1.7 - Mentor Department and Ancillary Reviews

Section 2.1 - Responsibilities, Ethical Principles, Authority, and Independence of the IRB

Section 2.2 - Functions of the IRB

Section 2.3- Membership of the IRB

Section 2.4- Approval of Research Activities by the IRB

Section 2.5- Convened Meetings of the IRB

Section 3.3 - Expedited Research Review

Section 4.2 - Single Emergency Use of an Investigational Drug Policy and Procedures

Section 4.5 - Emergency Use of an Investigational Device Policy and Procedures

Section 4.7 - Unanticipated Problems and Adverse Events Policy and Procedures

Section 4.17 - Expanded Access Pathway (Non-Emergency Compassionate Use) for Investigational Drugs or Biologics

Section 4.18 - Expanded Access (Non-Emergency Compassionate Use) for Investigational Medical Devices

Section 4.19 - Planned Research in an Emergency Setting

Please see the link below to review the IRB's policies and procedures and reach out to IRB Staff with any questions.

IRB Policies & Procedures

Relying on an External IRB? Don’t forget to submit the final approvals in eIRB!

Once the external IRB has approved MUSC as a relying site and has issued the approval letter and approved consent forms, these documents must be uploaded to eIRB for final review by the MUSC IRB. The documents will be reviewed, the study will be “Acknowledged” in eIRB, and the Final Concurrence of Reliance letter will be issued. Study procedures, including recruitment, cannot begin until your study has been acknowledged in eIRB.

IRB Feedback

The IRB wants to hear from you and see how we can help! Please fill out our survey below:

IRB Survey

eIRB Tip!

Upload Revision Button

When submitting a revised document, use the 'Upload Revision' instead of the 'Add' button. By using the 'Upload Revision' button, a history is created which can be accessed to view all the changes made to that document throughout the history of the study.

Group Education

REMINDER: If your department needs IRB education for a small study team or large department, please contact the IRB Administrator for Education and Training. Currently, we offer presentations on IRB Basics, Initial Studies, Amendments, Continuing Reviews/Annual Status Updates, Reportable Events, and Reliance Studies. To schedule, please contact:

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