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Jefferson IRB Announcement - Quorum IRB Review Goes Live

To the research community:

As of today, August 31, 2015, Jefferson researchers can apply to join certain studies that have been or are being reviewed by Quorum Review IRB. Quorum is one of the largest and most well-respected commercial IRBs in this country, along with WIRB, both of which hold full AAHRPP accreditation.

As with WIRB, the studies you can join are limited to phase 2, 3 & 4, multicenter commercially-sponsored studies, and the Office of Human Research will have the final say on whether an investigator will be permitted to make an application to Quorum. Your submission of an OHR-1 in the Portal triggers this pre-review process.

The advantages to using Quorum or WIRB for these types of studies are:

- Elimination of duplication of IRB applications to local IRB
- Consolidation of IRB regulatory reporting under one IRB
- Being included under the initial commercial IRB approval means that your investigators can start recruitment earlier

Pertinent information regarding use of Quorum can be found at:

http://www.jefferson.edu/university/human_research/irb/using-a-central-irb.html. Please carefully read the document entitled "Instructions for Joining an Existing Study with Quorum" before making your first submission.

As with WIRB, Roe Talarico is the point person in OHR for questions/issues with Quorum.