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**TO:** Faculty Doing Research Involving Human Subjects

**FROM:** Bill Sellers, Director

**SUBJECT:** Cooperative IRB Review

Wright State now has a new "assurance" on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). This "federalwide assurance" or FWA replaces our previous "multiple project assurance" or MPA. The FWA number is FWA00002427.

Under the old assurance system, some institutions had "multiple project assurances" while others only had "single project assurances" (SPAs) and federal rules did not permit the former to rely on the latter. Thus, for example, WSU researchers at Miami Valley Hospital (which only had an SPA) had to have their protocols reviewed by both the Wright State IRB and the MVH IRB.

The FWA system has changed all that and our new FWA now eliminates the need for duplicate review by WSU when research is conducted by a WSU investigator at or in connection with any of the following four sites: Miami Valley Hospital, Kettering Medical Center, Children's Medical Center (Dayton), and the Wright-Patterson Medical Center. This is on condition that no research is also being conducted at a WSU location.

Thus if you are doing research that involves human subjects at or in connection with one of these four sites, and no research is being conducted at a WSU location, then it is only necessary to secure approval from the IRB at that site. However, under the terms of our agreements with the four other sites, the WSU IRB has the authority to decline to concur with the other IRB's approval, so we need a copy to review. **Therefore, once you have final approval from that IRB, send one copy of the approved protocol, consent form (if there is one being used), and the IRB approval letter to the WSU IRB Coordinator, Robyn James.**

The new procedure can also be used for **changes to or continuations of** protocols that have been or would have been dual-reviewed under the old system, only instead of sending one copy of the approved protocol you will send **one copy of the approved continuation request or amendment along with the IRB approval letter.**

If you have any questions about this new procedure, please contact me at 775-2709 or via e-mail at [william.sellers@wright.edu](mailto:william.sellers@wright.edu).

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