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Updates for The Office of Human Subjects Protection

- **IRB review turn-around times best both internal goals and FSU's peers.**
For the latest reporting month (January 2023), the latest performance and productivity data indicate that turnaround times for FSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) review are consistently less than those of FSU's peer institutions: 41 days for convened FSU IRB review (vs. 44 for peers), 18 for expedited review (vs. 22) and 8 for exempt review (vs. 12). Visit our Human Research Review page for to learn more about our turn-around targets and comparative data (scroll down to the Metrics section):
<https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ohsp/human-research-review/>
- **IRB review guidance for FSU medical school student human research has been updated.**
New medical student clerkship human research-related information, instructions and other guidance have been published, including exceptions to the requirement for FSU IRB review for certain studies deemed in advance by OHSP to not require IRB review. To learn more, including how to obtain an OHSP determination that FSU IRB may not be necessary, visit this new OHSP page targeted for medical students and their human research studies:
<https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ohsp/student-led-activities-and-research/medical-students/>
- **Monthly meeting of the convened IRB is scheduled for March 8, 2023.**
The deadline for submitting applications involving human research for IRB review is February 17, 2023; note that this deadline ONLY applies to studies that are not eligible for expedited review (which are reviewed on a rolling basis, i.e., as received); involve greater than minimal risk or a particular vulnerable population (e.g., children or at-risk or unhealthy individuals) as defined in the regulations; or that may require limited IRB review of certain exempt research. To see how an application may be reviewed or require convened IRB review and the criteria for review pathway, click on the IRB Review Pathways panel on our Human Research Review page: <https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ohsp/human-research-review/>