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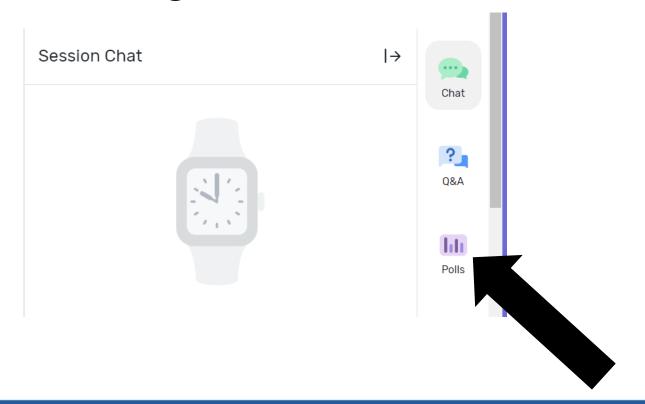
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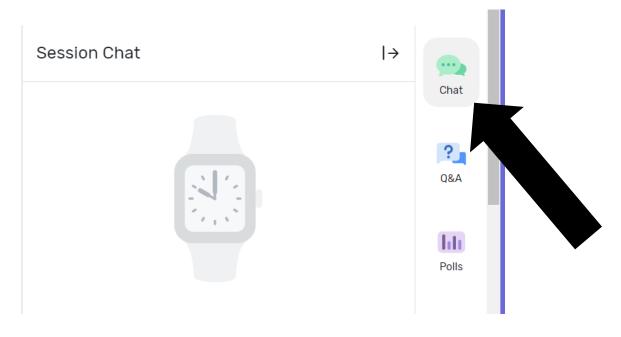






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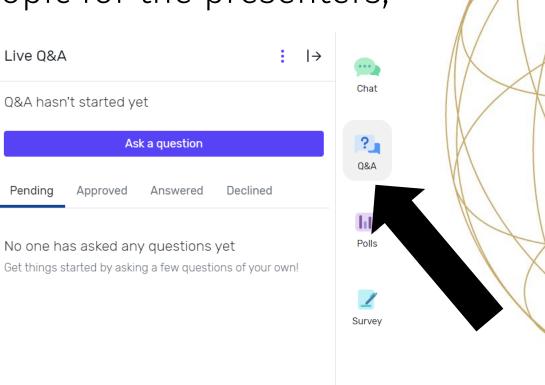




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HRPP Office of the Future

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Peer into my crystal ball...





What's in the Cards?

Capacity

pandemic/emergency research, sufficient staff, ethics and tech expertise, security, online systems

Remote Work

culture, communication and integration, tools, motivation, performance management

Research Ethics

A.I., genomics, big data, virtual space

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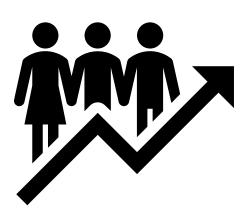


Building Capacity: People

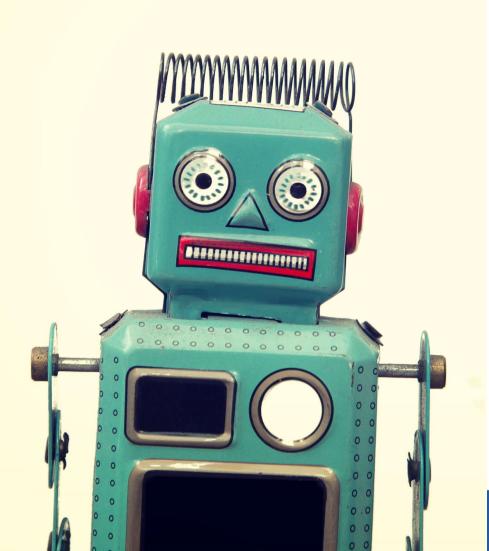
☐ Turnover, sick leave, emergent research

☐ Complexity of reviews

☐ Single IRB review







Building Capacity: Tech

- ✓Online systems for remote work
- ✓ Security review
 - Clarity avoids slowdowns
- ✓ eConsent platform(s) BUT...
- ✓ Part 11 compliance (not necessarily where you expect it!)

The future is remote

Emory's culture shift

- Engagement survey findings
- Sources of resistance
- What changed?

Onboarding

Teams example

Remote IRB meetings



Resistance and Change

- Concern from leadership that hybrid/remote would not be as satisfying or effective as thought
- Wanted time to pilot, gather data
- ...
- {the working world changed}
- Still gathering data, but swiftly provided remote option for as many staff as possible



RTW Survey and Culture Change

72%: "less than 1" is the ideal number of days in office to be effective

63%: portion of day working alone*

27%: portion of day working with others via phone/tech*

Home environment rated <u>more effective</u> across all types of work activities

People come to work for "amenities"

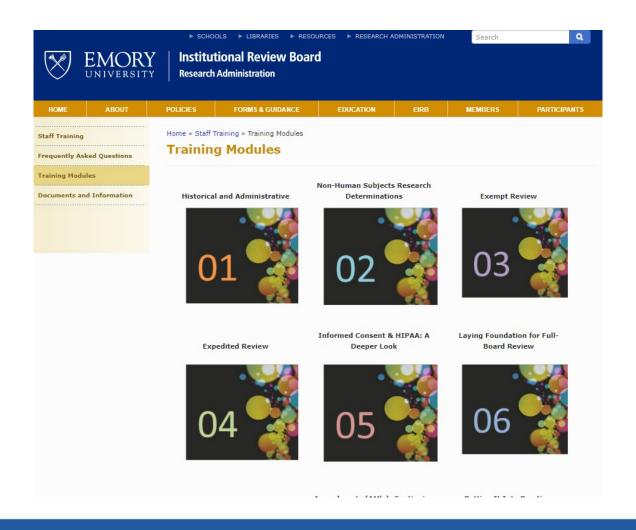
85%: people who would rather share a workspace than have to come into office

Integrating & Training New Staff

- Daily readings and one-on-one training sessions
- Staff meeting intros
- Zoom lunchtime
- "Open (Zoom/Teams) door" chats
- "Pods" of go-to colleagues
- Social Committee "events" (virtual or inperson)
 - Thank goodness for extroverts



New staff training: example





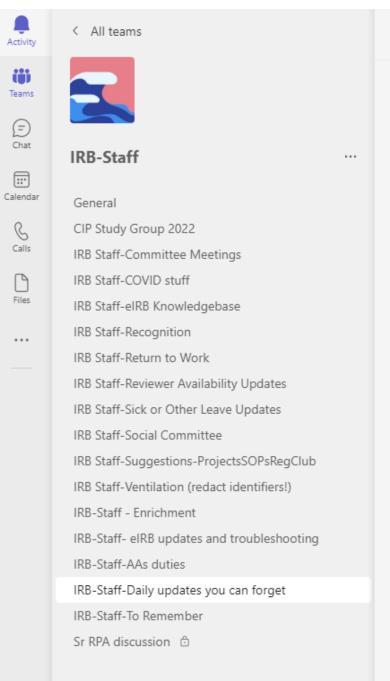
New staff training: example

(excerpt)

Day	Module/Action Item	Date	Go-To Staff Member	Go-To Staff Responsibilities
-14	Pre-Hire Prep	Date	Done	Ensure all Pre-Hire Prep responsibilities are accomplished.
1	Getting to know the office	3/2/2022	Done	1) Get computer, access to phone, and parking. 2) Provide a clear picture of what the IRB's role is in relation to Research Administration as a whole. 3) Take care of administrative house-keeping including the response to emails and comments in eIRB, litserv,etc, access to Teams, Skype, H drive, CITI. 4) Review the staff training page at https://staging.web.emory.edu/irb/staff_training/index.html
2	Historical and Administrative	3/2/2022		 Review Module 01 Provide a clear explanation of the historical foundation of research ethics. Ensure a substantive understanding of the Belmont Report and its principles. Give the New-Staff Member an authentic feeling that their work is meaningful and important to both individuals and, much more broadly, society. Review of where to find Emory IRB SOPs and other important links
	Expedited	0/0/0000		1) Review Module 04. Meeting with designated analyst about materials read and checklist used at H:\irb_shared\General\Admin SOPs\Checklists, Forms, and Templates. 2) Also, new staff will go over a new EXPEDITED minimal risk study in eIRB with the designated analyst (do not assign). In order to review a minimal risk study together in eIRB, print out relevant materials (lay summary, protocol, consents, etc.) and allow new-staff to read materials before you review so they aren't just watching you read. 3) The goals of today are: a) Ensure new-staff understands difference between Exempt and Expedited. b) Present Expedited review designation categories clearly. c) Provide understanding of when F(8) designations are used (after Full-Board). d) Show the new-staff an example of an F5 and an F7 (most common) Expedited study protocol in eIRB. e) Provide understanding of review process (designated review, letter writing, stamped consents, set expiration, etc.) for Expedited and other minimal risk studies.
3	Review	3/3/2022		

Ongoing integration:

"Teams" Example





Also have a similar Team for "IRB Leadership"

Note: not the place for very sensitive information. The internet is forever...



What motivates?

- Minimize micromanaging
- Involvement in sub-committees
- Social committee
- Speaking and connecting more with researchers
 - More now than pre-pandemic!
- Periodic in-person gatherings
- Venting channel (redacted of course!)



What motivates us?

"I have found that at low energy times, having someone to body double really helps. So while we may be working from home by ourselves having someone on a call or video also working with us can help."

"I am able to build my comfort zone to facilitate my optimal work space. I don't like closed windows, air conditioning, or shoes! When I work from home, my windows are open, the birds are singing, I can see trees and greenery out the window, I'm not freezing from the air conditioning, and I am not wearing shoes! Those are all things that help me be in my at-home-work-zone."

"I feel very interconnected in my work not only with my colleagues at IRB but also with the ORA and wider organization. I want to get my work done well and quickly because it is clear how our work connects within the wider organization and other colleagues' work."



Managing Performance

Again: Minimize micromanaging

 "Some companies have key loggers/mouse trackers/etc. to constantly monitor employees, which I think would be bad for my morale."

Teams on green unless posted as OOTO

We have a *Teams* channel for OOTO
 updates, to set
 expectations for each
 other

Turnaround Reports

- Lobby now for better reporting!
- Doesn't have to be directly from the system vendor
- Biweekly(ish) meetings with direct reports to review inbox



IRB Members: Remote Meetings



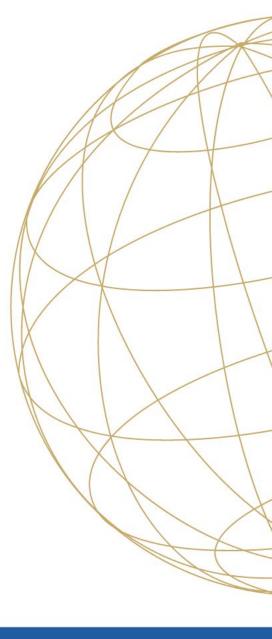
- **Issue**: positive experience for new members?
 - Potential solution: create time for spontaneous questions, bonding
- Hard to force people to share their cameras
- (Also, "IRB'ing while driving")



Virtual Connection & Communication

- Beyond the IRB office whole HRPP
- Bi-monthly or quarterly "joint compliance" meetings
- Senior staff meetings for research administration include broader leadership teams from each office
- "Coffee and Conversation" with <u>all</u> of research administration
 - Time for Q&A
 - Researcher speakers
- Social Justice Committee

Your ideas?



Emergency/Public Health Crisis Research: Emory's "Rapid Response" Protocol

- Qualifying Criteria:
 - High Priority; Requiring emergency approval for survival
 - Public Health Emergency
 - Bioterrorist Attack
 - Significant outbreak of an Infectious Disease
 - Other significant or Catastrophic Event
- Requested by:
 - NIH or other Federal Funded Network Study
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- IND or IDE



Emergency/Public Health Crisis Research: Emory's "Rapid Response" Protocol

Each department completes departmental approval.

If applicable, external/single IRB is notified of urgency.

Clinical Research Navigator team facilitates the pre-award approval process through all research administrative offices to completion.

Each office assigns one person to complete the approval and other tasks in real time, working in parallel with other offices.

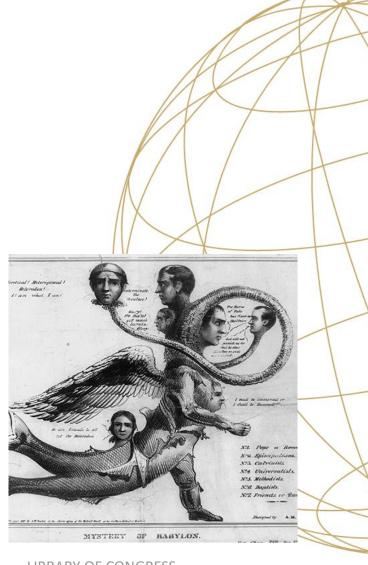
Clinical Research Navigator notifies the investigator when study approvals are complete.





"Top 9 List"

- A.I. and Big Data transparency
- Consent waivers for research of public health importance
- International and Tribal regulations (e.g. privacy)
- Genomic data sharing and identifiability
- Gene editing and chimeras
- Ex-vivo brain tissue/organoids
- Research in the metaverse
- Distrust in science and scientists "truth"
- Diversity and inclusion in all spheres (e.g. AI)



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The HRPP Office of the Future

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Objectives

- New IRB structure
- Modified IRB review process(s)
 - eConsent
- New definition of confidentiality & anonymity
- IO & upper-level administration notifications
- Recruitment & retention of IRB staff
- Data transfer processes
 - Embracing technology and ingenuity





New IRB Structure





Committee Membership

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ)
- Global community member
- Information technology member
- Philosopher/ethics member





Technology Insight

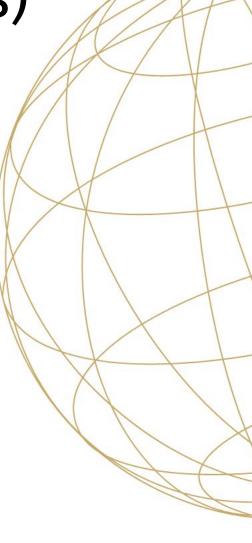
- Additional technology member
- 2. IT checklist guide
 - Acceptable passwords
 - Characters & length
 - Phrases
 - Two factor authentication
 - Digital certificates
 - Logon devices
 - Out of band authentication
 - Firewalls
 - Encryption
 - Institutional device usage





Technology Insight (stats)

- Avg. time from initial compromise to data extraction is minutes to a few days.
- 70%-80% are in system for months prior to detection
- Discovery of a breach by internal resources only happens 10% of the time





Technology Insight (continued)

- 1. Virtual QA/QI
- 2. Cyber insurance
 - 1. Sponsor requirement in 2040?
 - 2. Research participant expectation in 2040?
- 3. Pl cyber insurance
- 4. Trusona multi-factor security that uses driver license data verification service (US only)



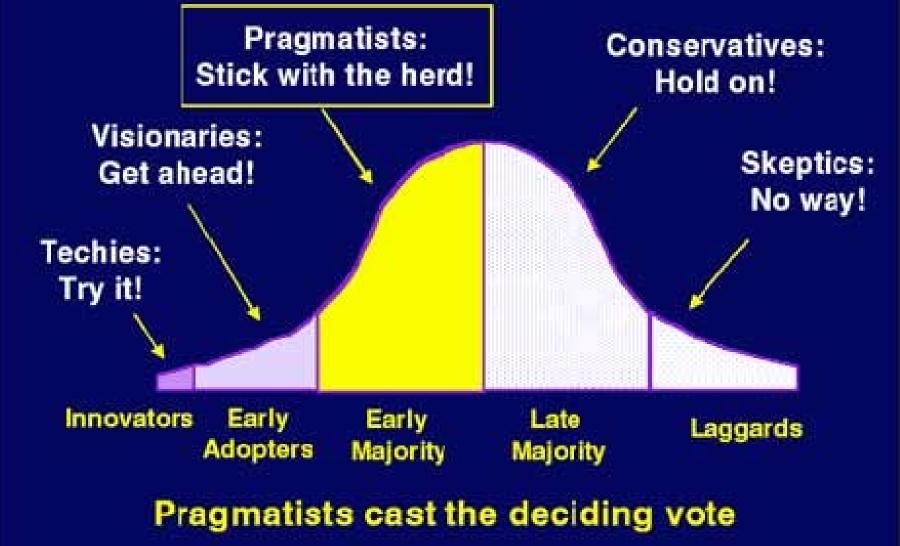


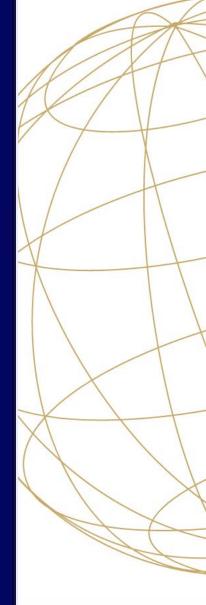
Modified Review Process





Technology Adoption Life Cycle







New Risks (Risk Benefit Analysis)

- 1. Assessment of AI & virtual reality platforms
- 2. Minimizing/notification of digital fingerprint
- 3. Platform/technology (terms & conditions)
 - 1. Alt. web browsers
- 4. Elimination of confidentiality & anonymity
- 5. eConsent
- 6. Digital violence





Compensation

Digital currency







Recruitment & Retention of IRB/HRPP staff



Recruitment

- 1. Best alternative offer
 - 1. Location/physical perks can't replace culture!
- 2. New HR approaches/practices
 - 1. Virtual hiring processes
 - 2. Greater emphases on internal hiring
 - 3. DEI&J social focus impacting employment decisions
 - 4. Recruiters expanding their skill sets
 - 5. Modified job descriptions





Retention

- 1. Mental health checks
 - 1. Home is not always better......
- 2. Building relationships with your people NOT YOUR EMPLOYEES
- 3. Nontraditional expenses





Data Transfer





Data Transfer Policy

- Storing data
- Transferring data
- Access to data
 - Role based access with terms
 - Leaving the institution
- Updating data security measures





Quantum Computing

- 1. Growth of cloud computing
- 2. Al supported credentialing
- 3. Al supported scientific merit assessment
- 4. Al supported risk assessments
- 5. Al supported hologram creation & interaction





My Prototype 2040 IRB



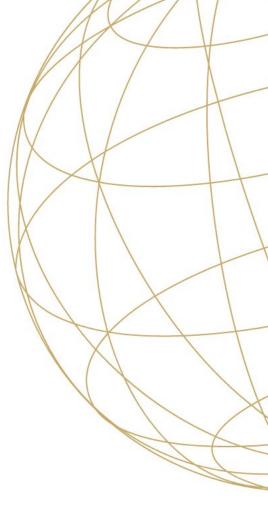


- IRB IT sub committee
- IRB inclusive of 50% diversity (DEIJ)
- IRB finance sub committee
- AI Credentialing
- AI supported scientific evaluations
- Virtual QA/QI (PI verification of variables)
- Continuously evolving job descriptions
- Flexible budgets to adjust to current trends
- Annual federal regulatory updates w/ biannual major updates
- Participation in international IRB audits



IO and Upper Administration Discussions

- 1. Compressive summary
- 2. Liability, Requirements and Financial Incentive
- 3. Comfort zone





Take Home Points

- Resources
 - 10 discussions
- Technology support
- Running a 2040 HRPP





Questions?





Thank you!

