Reporting to the Institutional Official and Regulatory Agencies Procedure

Scope

Applies to personnel within the Mayo Clinic Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) when reporting problems and events to the Institutional Official and regulatory agencies about research for which Mayo Clinic Institutional Review Board (IRB) is the IRB of Record.

Purpose

To describe the IRB's requirements for reporting problems or events to the Institutional Official and/or to appropriate regulatory agencies and the allotted timeframe of fulfilling the reporting requirements.

Equipment/Supplies

N/A

Procedure

IRB Medical Director or IRB Administrator (or their designees) responsibilities include:

1. Drafting the notification letter, that includes a description of the problem or event, determination(s) of the IRB, actions taken by the IRB, corrective action plan(s) or modifications to the research, the name of the institution conducting the research, and the name of the Principal Investigator named on the research project. Refer Preparing and Sending Notification Letters.
2. Sending a copy of the notification letter to the following, as applicable:
    a. Principal Investigator (PI)
    b. Institutional Official
    c. OHRP and the corresponding Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) agency when the human research is supported by the DHHS
    d. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) when the clinical investigation is subject to FDA regulations
    e. Department of Defense (DoD) Human Research Protection Officer
    f. Appropriate officials at external sites where the research is conducted when Mayo Clinic IRB is the IRB of Record
    g. At the discretion of the IRB Medical Director or pursuant to a determination of the IRB, to other appropriate Mayo department chairperson(s) or others, **including other institutions and/or regulatory agencies**
    h. For determinations of serious and/or continuing non-compliance, a copy of the notification letter should be sent to the following Mayo Clinic officials:
        i. Department Chair of the PI
        ii. Research Compliance Officer, Rochester, MN

iii. Chair of Personnel Committee at the respective location
iv. Dean of Research at the respective location
v. Administrator(s), Office for Human Research Protection Office

3. Documentation of notification letters are uploaded in the IRB electronic study file and are also maintained in the IRB Administrative Office files.
4. Department of Defense (DoD) Supported Research:
    a. Determinations of serious or continuing non-compliance, unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others, or suspension or termination of DoD supported research must be reported within 30 days to the DoD Human Research Protection Officer.

Troubleshooting

N/A

Procedural Notes

- Federal Regulations require the IRB to promptly report the following determinations to applicable regulatory agencies, including Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Defense (DoD), and the Mayo Clinic Institutional Official:
    - Unanticipated Problems Involving Risk to Subjects or Others (UPIRTSO)
    - Serious or continuing non-compliance with Federal regulations, IRB polices, or with determinations of the IRB
    - Suspensions or terminations of IRB approval
- The IRB Medical Director or IRB Administrator will notify the Institutional Official and applicable regulatory agencies, in writing, **within 30 days of the IRB's determination**.

Related Documents

Preparing and Sending Notification Letters

Suspension or Termination of IRB Approval of Research

Submitting a Reportable Event to the IRB

Submitting a Reportable Event when Mayo Clinic IRB is not the IRB of Record

Definitions

N/A

References

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