



To: Members of the University Community

From: C. Jack Maynard
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Re: IRBNet launch set for August 25, 2010

Beginning August 25, Indiana State University will exclusively use IRBNet to process protocols for research involving human subjects. IRBNet is a secure, web-based electronic tool that eliminates the need to walk IRB forms around campus for approvals. Beginning this fall, researchers will have the ability to upload files to IRBNet from virtually any computer with internet access. Faculty sponsors, chairpersons, and deans will also be able to review and apply their electronic signature from an internet accessible computer.

IRBNet is extremely intuitive and easy to use. Researchers may self-register within IRBNet immediately, and protocols will be accepted beginning August 25. You may access IRBNet through your web browser by visiting www.irbnet.org.

Training for IRBNet is provided through materials on the IRB website at <http://www.indstate.edu/irb> and through "Training Energizers" available through the IRBNet Resources page at <http://www.irbnetresources.org/>.

As a reminder, per federal regulation and university policy, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) must review all research by ISU faculty, staff, and students involving human subjects. This includes projects incorporating surveys, questionnaires, interventions, and/or gathering data about human subjects.

For questions concerning IRB review, contact Dr. Thomas Steiger, Chairperson of the IRB, at Thomas.Steiger@indstate.edu or by phone at 3426. Questions relating to IRBNet or administration should be directed to Lea Hollowell, Office of Sponsored Programs, at Lea.Hollowell@indstate.edu or by phone at ext. 3088.