

Education Calendar

- **January 31**
Essentials of Quality
Human Subject Research
Training for New
Coordinators and
Investigators
Stephens Spine Center
12th Floor
J.T.S. Hamlen Board
Room
8:00-5:00 pm
- **February 12**
Record Keeping and
Regulatory Binders
Presented by
Sandy Annis
ED II Room G112 A/B
9:00-11:00 am
- **February 19**
Clinical Research
Symposium
E. Haavi Morreim, PhD
Keynote Speaker
East Campus—ACH
8:45-4:30 pm
- **February 20**
Environmental
Monitoring
Presented by
Larry Parker
COPH Room G232
10:00-11:00 am
- **March 5**
Writing Standard
Operating Procedures
Presented by
Dr. Ray Anderson
ED II Building
Room G112 A/B
9:00-11:00 am

For more information about any of these RSC courses, contact Education Manager Crystal Hunnicutt at 501-526-6879 or by email at chunnicutt@uams.edu or visit the RSC website at <http://www.uams.edu/rsc>

UPGRADE SCHEDULED FOR ARIA USERS THROUGH FILEMAKER

Approximately 100 ARIA users who currently access ARIA through the FileMaker 6 database program will need to contact IT Support to receive an upgrade to FileMaker 9 on their computers by February 1, according to Christopher Ganahl, FileMaker Developer. Those users affected received an email in January informing them of the situation. They will need to call IT Support at 686-8555 or send an email to helpdesk@uams.edu to request that FileMaker 9

be installed on their computer. They will also need to give the helpdesk the tag number on their computer. When the switch is made, they will receive a new opener icon to work with the upgrade.

This upgrade does not affect ARIA users who access ARIA through their web browser.

For more information, please contact Chris Ganahl at 686-8715.



CAVHS ANNOUNCES NEW IRB

Dr. David Straub, Associate Chief of Staff, Research announced in a VA Research Report meeting on January 16 the formation of the CAVHS Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB met three times in December and now meets twice a month. He said that by February 1 he expects the IRB to have approximately 50 proposals in review. The Westhaven IRB in Connecticut assisted CAVHS in the fall of

2007 by reviewing existing proposals, including 11 that were approved and one that is in pending status. In the near future, the Westhaven IRB will be turning over these proposals back to the CAVHS IRB. Dr. Straub expects the CAVHS IRB to review around 220 proposals this year. For more information, please contact the CAVHS Research Administration Office at 501-257-4816.

REVISED NIH POLICY FOR ARCHIVED PUBLICATIONS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a Revised Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research on January 11, 2008 with an Effective Date of April 7, 2008. For more information see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-08-033.html>

COMPLIANCE CORNER

The UAMS Research Compliance Office has some ideas that will help study staffers avoid compliance problems. This issue's Compliance Tip provides some guidance regarding the informed consent process.

Are you using the correct consent form? Once the IRB approves a new version of your study's informed consent form, start using the newly approved version immediately. Keep a copy of outdated forms in your study files, but make sure only the current approved version is available to staff who conduct the informed consent process. Some researchers use tricks like stapling shut the archival copy of outdated consent forms, or filing outdated forms in an area completely separate from the current form. That makes it easy for staffers to quickly identify the version they should be using.

Questions? Call the UAMS Research Compliance Office at either 686-8062 or 526-6270.

