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ORSP Contracts Administrators Information

Please note when your contracts come into ORSP, they will be handled on a first in, first out basis. The most noticeable change will be that Contracts Administrators are not assigned specific departments anymore. Your project can be assigned to any one of the two Contracts Administrators and not necessarily by department. We expect this arrangement will increase efficiency. If you run into problems, please contact Tim Atkinson, ORSP and IRB Director, at tmatkinson@uams.edu.

A Note From IT Research Regarding ARIA Upgrade to FileMaker 9

ARIA Users,

In our continuing efforts to refine and improve ARIA the IT Research development team is currently undertaking a major upgrade to the ARIA system. This upgrade consists of a complete rewrite of the back end interface to ARIA and upgraded to the database server software and hardware that will result in significant improvements to speed and stability. The rewrite has been underway for more than a year, and will be available to the campus January 1, 2008. As part of the upgrade IT Research Staff will install FileMaker 9 on each user's machine.

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IRB Policy 15.1

When you submit a protocol to the IRB, be sure to look at [IRB Policy 15.1](#) (Elements of Informed Consent Documents and Process) for appropriate language regarding the required elements. If you are having difficulty negotiating the required consent language with an industry sponsor, please contact the IRB or ORSP for assistance.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The CRS Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception is scheduled on Tuesday, December 11 for the participants who completed their Certified Research Specialist (CRS) certification during this past year. The event will be held on the 1st Floor (Bruce Commons) of the College of Public Health from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Please check the RSC Website soon for the 2008 Education Calendar at <http://www.uams.edu/RSC/Calendar/Calendar.htm>.

For more information about any of the upcoming courses, contact RSC Education Manager Crystal Hunnicutt at 526-6879 or chunnicutt@uams.edu.

We invite your input. Please e-mail any items that you would like to share with the Clinical Research community to: doanleslied@uams.edu