

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research has implemented a new, web-based, IRB submission system, OPRS Live. In just a few weeks (July 5 or 18 depending upon your department; see bottom of this email), using the new system will be mandatory. OPRS will no longer accept paper copies for any protocol submissions, including initial submissions, amendments and continuing review.

Therefore, now is a good time to learn how to use the new system.

Several training sessions for faculty and staff have been scheduled. All training will be held in the Moss Auditorium in COMRB 1020 on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
3:00 – 4:00
- Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 – 4:00
- Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 – 2:30
- Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 3:00
- Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 – 2:30
- Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 – 4:00
- Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
3:00 – 4:00
- Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 – 2:30
- Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 3:00

You may RSVP for any of these sessions at <http://research.uic.edu/irbtraining>.

Please make every endeavor to make one of these sessions, however, if you are unable to attend, there are both PDF documents and help videos embedded in the new system to help walk you through each step of the process. Thank you for your cooperation and I know we all look forward to a paperless IRB!

Please remember that OPRS will no longer accept paper submissions for any protocol submissions including initial submissions, amendments and continuing review.

Beginning on July 5 and July 18 accordingly, please use the following URL to login to OPRS Live:

[URL:https://oprslive.ovcr.uic.edu](https://oprslive.ovcr.uic.edu)

New users will need to register first by going to New User Tab.

For Technical support email: [oprslivesupport@uic.edu](mailto:oprslivesupport@uic.edu)

For any policy/IRB related questions, please contact: Teresa Johnston at [tjohnsto@uic.edu](mailto:tjohnsto@uic.edu) or at 312-413-3202 or the OPRS Front Desk at 312- 996-1711.

Any and all feedback on the new system will be appreciated and can be sent to either of the above email addresses.

Here is the schedule for implementation:

**July 5 release to:**

Department of Medicine and all sections under it  
Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics  
Family Medicine  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences  
Pathology  
Pediatrics  
Pharmacology  
Psychiatry

**July 18 release to:**

Anatomy and Cell Biology  
Anesthesiology  
Bioengineering  
Dermatology  
Emergency Medicine  
Medical Education  
Microbiology and Immunology  
Neurology  
Neurosurgery  
Orthopaedics  
Otolaryngology  
Physiology and Biophysics  
Radiology  
Urology  
Any centers that report to the College of Medicine  
Any department not listed above