What’s New in Research Integrity and Safety

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So what is new with ORIS?

• Who we are and what we do
• Organization
• Guiding principles
• Today’s speakers and topics
• New programs
  • Research Security
  • Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
• New initiatives
  • Biosafety (IBC) protocol portal
  • Replacing Artemis for IACUC protocol submission
  • URAR Vivarium Master Plan
ORIS Mission

The mission of the Office of Research Integrity and Safety (ORIS) is to partner with the University community by providing professional oversight, training, subject matter expertise and support that fosters optimal science and scholarship while promoting integrity and safety.

ORIS Values

- Working in partnership with researchers to promote a culture of scholarly integrity
- Using professional judgement and flexibility in interpreting and applying regulations
- Minimizing burden by focusing on goals of the regulations and emphasizing performance outcomes
- Implementing best practice that is evidence based and data driven
- Striving for exemplary service by supporting the research community through process navigation
Who we are and what we do

Office of Research Integrity and Safety (ORIS)

- Animal Care and Use*
- Biosafety*
- Clinical Trials
- Conflicts of Interest Review and Management*
- Export Control
- Human Subjects*
- Responsible Conduct of Research
  - Research Integrity (RIO)
- Research Safety*
- ORIS Support Services
  - Research Occupational Health
  - Quality Assurance
  - Education and Navigation
- University Research Animal Resources
ORIS Guiding Principles

1. Always work to the “YES”
2. Reduce burden
3. Make compliance easy — and it’s easy to get compliance
Today’s speakers and topics

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  • Director, Human Subjects Office
• Brandon Foskey, BS, CHMM
  • Assistant Director, Office of Research Safety
• Gene Pope, JD, MPH
  • Director, COI Review and Management
New ORIS programs

• Research Security
  • Office of Research Security and Export Control
    o Cyber security
    o Export Control
    o International travel
    o Mandatory research security training

• Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)*
New ORIS initiatives

- Biosafety (IBC) protocol portal
- Replacing Artemis for IACUC
- URAR Vivarium Master Plan
The Fall of 2021

- Reset review process after pandemic restrictions
- AAHRPP reaccreditation application
- Loss of 3 experienced staff (50%)
Time to head to the lifeboats

- Service agreements with WCG and Sterling IRB
- IRB Members – extra duty
- Extremely flexible exempt determinations
Time for Change

• Staff retention and recruitment
  ➢ Flexible work arrangements
  ➢ Competitive wages
• Restructure department
• Add services????
The New Human Subjects Office (HSO)

- One list of responsibilities
- Two tracks – IRB and Compliance
- Three new positions

9 dedicated professionals
Why add services?

- Graduate Student Support study – UGA HSO and COE, Summer 2021
- 2021 PRIM&R conference
  - Self-study by Teacher’s College IRB
  - Non-IRB Gatekeeping presentation by U of Mass-Amherst, Wayne State U, and Virginia Commonwealth U
Outreach and Support Services

- Online resources
- Templates
- Samples
- Group training
- Research planning support
- Individual submission review support
- Stakeholder input/needs assessment
- Data driven IRB process improvement
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Thank You!
Conflicts of Interest

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Conflicts of Interest Review & Management Office

- Goals and objectives
  - Establish a centralized Office to assist faculty and leadership with the disclosure and review of outside activities
    - Coordinate with other offices and units
    - Outreach and education
  - Streamline Conflicts of Interest Policies
    - Ensure Policies comply with State law and federal regulations
    - Simplify the disclosure and review process
  - Implement an online disclosure system
    - Make it easier for faculty to disclose outside activities
    - Ability to coordinate review with other University IT systems, e.g., Grants and IRB
Why do we care about Conflicts of Interest?

• Preserve the public trust in the knowledge discovered and disseminated by the University.

• Protect the University, our students, and faculty members from even the appearance of bias or other forms of undue influence.

• Duty to sponsors to promote objectivity in research.

http://ismpp-newsletter.com/2018/05/30/tips-on-instituting-a-data-transparency-policy-a-focus-on-the-publications-professional/
A conflict of interest is not intrinsically bad. In fact, UGA wants you to create conflicts!

The conflict lies in the situation, not in behavior or the lack of behavior of the individual.

Having, or appearing to have, a conflict of interest and not disclosing the potential conflict is problematic. Many conflicts can be managed.
How can the COI Office help you?

• Give guidance regarding start-up activities related to UGA-owned IP

• Assist faculty and supervisors with the disclosure and review process for outside activities

• Provide education on updated federal regulations related to relationships and activities with foreign entities

• Give COI presentations at Departmental/School faculty meetings
Questions?

Please contact the COI Office with any questions or to schedule a meeting or presentation.

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