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Human Subjects Protection Educational Resources

It can be challenging to navigate the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations for the protection of human subjects ("The Common Rule") in a rapidly changing landscape of biomedical and health-related research.

The [UNC Chapel Hill required CITI Human Subjects Protection \(HSP\) Training](#) and [CITI HSP supplemental training modules](#) provides a comprehensive review of HHS Common Rule requirements, but if you are looking for additional educational resources, the HHS Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP) offers educational materials to further human subjects protection.



OHRP has developed a [resource list](#) tailored for investigators and study personnel to learn about and succeed in their role in protecting research subjects. The resources include an introduction to human research protections (including free training), discussion of the Common Rule, and videos to aid in the understanding of informed consent and the IRB review process.

OHRP has also created a [training checklist](#) with basic resources covering five main areas for personnel who will be interacting with an IRB and want to know what can be expected when submitting a study for review.

Investigators and study personnel may also choose to access the following OHRP resources that feature esteemed speakers with human subjects research insights:

- [OHRP Luminaries Lecture Series](#) is a series of presentations that cover a broad set of topics including, but not limited to, e-consent, big data research and privacy, and personalized medicine.
- [OHRP Exploratory Workshops](#) provide videos, slides, written materials, and resources from day-long workshops that offer differing viewpoints on topics

including informed consent in clinical research, privacy and big data research, and single IRB review.

What does it mean for me?

OHRP's resources are appropriate for a broad audience of research professionals, including investigators and study team members. You can use these additional human subjects protection resources to supplement your own training or to tailor the training plans of study team members.

More Information Available

Consider joining OHRP's [listserv](#) to receive announcements about educational events and resources.

If you have questions about human research protection specific to a current or new study, please contact UNC-Chapel Office for Human Research Ethics (OHRE) at irb_questions@unc.edu.



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