New eIRB vs. Legacy (Old) eIRB

Accessing the Systems:

- The Legacy eIRB system can ONLY be accessed while connected to the OHSU network. This means being physically on an OHSU campus to connect to the OHSU internet, or connecting via Citrix.
- The New eIRB can be accessed on any internet connection from any location.

Terminology Changes:

- “Terminated” in the Legacy system is now called “Closed” in the New eIRB.
- The status “Closed to enrollment” in the Legacy system does not exist in the New system. The status will be listed as “Active” regardless of enrollment being closed or not.
- “IRB Analyst” is now “IRB Coordinator.”
- UPs/PDs/AEs are now all included as “Reportable New Information” (RNI).
  - All new information, including UPs/PDs/AEs, will be submitted under an umbrella category of Reportable New Information – this may include updated Investigators’ Brochures (IBs), monitor letters noting any deficiencies, audit letters (regardless of outcome – favorable or otherwise), etc.
  - Any “Reportable New Information” that requires updates to study documentation, (including all updated IBs) will also require the creation and submission of a Modification.
  - For more info, please see the “Reportable New Information Quick Guide”.
- “Researcher Preparation” state is now called “Pre-Submission.”
- Use the “Add Comment” function to communicate with the IRB instead of “Contact Reviewer.” Make sure to check the box for IRB Coordinator, otherwise, the comment will not be sent to anyone!

How to Close (Terminate) a Study:

- In the Legacy eIRB system, a study would be Terminated (now referred to as Closed) with the submission of a Modification.
- In the New eIRB system, a study can only be Closed by submitting a “Modification with Continuing Review” (MODCR). For instructions on closing a study in the New eIRB, please see page 11 of the Modifications and Continuing Reviews [Step-by-Step Guide].
Studies in the Legacy eIRB

What Stayed in the Legacy eIRB and What Migrated:

- Only active, approved studies have been migrated to the New eIRB system. See the section entitled “Migrated Studies in the New eIRB” for further information on these studies.
- Any studies that were Terminated or Withdrawn remain only in the Legacy eIRB and were NOT migrated. The old system will remain as the official archive to view these studies.
- Any Initial study submissions that were never approved were NOT migrated and remain frozen in their present state. These submissions can no longer be approved in the Legacy eIRB system. In order to continue the review process for these submissions, a new study submission must be created and submitted in the New eIRB.

How to Find Studies in the Legacy eIRB:

- Studies ONLY in the eIRB that didn’t migrate:
  - PIs and Research Staff can see any studies they are listed on by going to the “My Home” page by clicking that link at top right corner.
  - The “Protocols” tab will show all studies they are listed on, including studies that were never approved.
  - The “Terminated/Withdrawn” tab will show all studies they are listed on that were either Terminated or Withdrawn in the Legacy system.
- Studies that were migrated to the New eIRB:
  - Studies that were migrated can be a bit more difficult to find if you are searching in the Legacy eIRB. Click on “Studies” at the top left corner, and you will see a search page.
  - Click on the “Read Only Studies” tab and you can search for any studies that have been migrated. You can search using different Filters like study ID number, study name, PI last name, etc. The easiest method might be setting the Filter to “PI Last Name” and entering the PI’s last name to help find the study.
  - Once you select a study that has migrated, there will be a hyperlink to the study in the New eIRB at the top of the page (see below).
Migrated Studies in the New eIRB

What Migrated Studies Look Like:

- For ease of navigation, each migrated study in the old system has a link to the study in the new system, and the new system has a link back to the study in the old system. In the New eIRB, the hyperlink to the Legacy system is under the diagram at the top of the study page (see below).

- When a study is Closed in the New system, the link to the old system disappears. We are working with IT to add the Legacy eIRB hyperlink to Closed studies in a future development cycle. In the meantime, you can find migrated studies in the Legacy system by following the steps outlined in the above section “Studies that were migrated to the New eIRB.”

- Migrated studies retain the same IRB number they had in the Legacy eIRB. These study numbers all begin with “IRB” (for example, IRB00012345).
  - Studies created in the New system have study numbers that begin with “STUDY” (for example, STUDY00015999).

What Study Information Migrated:

- Only basic IRQ information and current documents required for continued study conduct were migrated.
- Information in the “History Log” of the Legacy system does NOT migrate, and the “History” tab for the study in the New system will only contain entries that occur after migration.
- Follow-on submissions (Mods, CRs, UPs, PDs, AEs) initiated in the Legacy system do NOT migrate to new system.
- Any study information, documents, or follow-on submissions that do not migrate will remain accessible for the study in the Legacy system.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact us at 503-494-7887 (option 2) or irb@ohsu.edu.