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Dear Research Community,

eIRB is being upgraded to a cloud-based environment that will provide greater product stability. This is a result of an RFP process that engaged members of our research community in the search, with project kick-off in Fall 2020. **The anticipated go-live date is October 12, 2021.** Please see the attached notice for a printable version of the timeline outlined below along with a calendar showing the day-to-day status of Production Legacy eIRB, Archive Legacy eIRB, and the new Research Management System (RMS) eIRB for the month of October.

- **The Legacy eIRB system closes on Friday 10/1/21 at 5pm to all submissions.**
- **A hold on new submissions will be in place from 10/1/21 – 10/11/21.**
- The IRB Committee meeting will take place as scheduled on Tuesday 10/5/21 for those studies that have made it through the pre-review process by 9/24/21 and are ready for Committee Review.
- **If you have not received an approval in Legacy eIRB or via email by Wednesday 10/6/2021, you will need to resubmit in the Research Management System (RMS) eIRB once it opens.**
- The new RMS eIRB system opens on Tuesday 10/12/21 (Time: TBD) – new studies can be submitted on or after that date; UMMS single sign on credentials will be REQUIRED for all submissions.
- **While all production systems are closed, promptly report UMMS events that are serious, unexpected, and research-related to irb@umassmed.edu.**
- Note: **All studies that are archived in the Legacy eIRB system will be available to researchers until 5pm Friday February 4, 2022,** to allow sufficient time for the transfer of saved documents to the new RMS eIRB platform. Remember - only the investigator study plan (ISP) is being transferred from Legacy eIRB to the RMS eIRB at the time of migration and only for approved studies with a future expiration date.
- The link to the Legacy eIRB Archive will be made available closer to 10/1/2021.

We look forward to continuing to serve the UMMS research community with an improved eIRB system. Please visit the links below for more information, including access to training dates, the *20210826 eIRB Upgrade Checklist for PIs and Study Staff*, and job aids related to obtaining

UMassMed single sign-on credentials. **At this time – all continuing reviews for studies that expire through November 30, 2021, should be in the IRB Office. Check today to make sure that your Continuing Review is not stuck in Pre-Submission or a clarification requested state.**

<https://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/irb/eirb-implementation-october-2021/>

<https://umassmed.sharepoint.com/sites/RMS>

Sincerely,

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