VAIRRS
VA Innovation and Research Review System

Resource Guide

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The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Research and Development (ORD) has instituted the VA Innovation and Research Review System (VAIRRS), the VA's instance of IRBNet. There are ample resources readily available to VAIRRS end-users. Please reference the various tools and programs for further support and assistance.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Trainings

Recorded training videos are available on the VAIRRS SharePoint portal. The training videos are categorized by role (e.g., researcher, administrator, committee member perspectives).

Training energizers are available on the VAIRRS SharePoint portal. The energizers, which serve as guides for the end-user, are also categorized by role.

FAQs

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about VAIRRS are available on the VAIRRS website.

Monthly Webinars

VAIRRS holds monthly webinars on various topics and supports the quarterly Central IRB webinars, which often focus on IRBNet-related topics. All previous webinars are available for review in the ORD Webinar Archive. VAIRRS-specific webinars can be found in the VAIRRS Webinar Archive.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education is provided to select sites every quarter. The participating sites are determined by reviewing requests for assistance to IRBNet Technical Support and VAIRRS. Requests for continuing education sessions can be sent to VAIRRS@va.gov.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The VAIRRS Mentor Program is available to sites that continue to experience challenges with the implementation and use of IRBNet. Sites can email VAIRRS@va.gov to request a mentor.

NEWSLETTER & PROGRAM UPDATE

The VAIRRS Newsletter is published bi-monthly. A VAIRRS Program Update is published on the alternative months. Any user can subscribe to the publications here. Archived issues of the VAIRRS Newsletters and Program Updates can be found on the VAIRRS website.

FORMS AND TEMPLATES

The ORPP&E library of forms and letter templates are available for review on the VAIRRS SharePoint portal. As the documents are updated, local IRBNet administrators are alerted of upcoming changes in the VAIRRS Newsletter and Program Update emails.

The updated documents are posted to the VAIRRS Toolkit. Requests for additions or changes to existing templates can be submitted to VAIRRS@va.gov. The VAIRRS Library Change Control Board (CCB) meets every month to review suggested changes.