Dear Research Community,

As noted in earlier communications, eIRB is being upgraded to a cloud-based environment with an anticipated go-live date of October 12, 2021. Please see below for important information regarding the **eIRB Upgrade and Training Sessions.**

Registration for live, virtual training sessions for the new eIRB system is NOW OPEN!

Training sessions will be held through the beginning of October 2021. Ongoing training will also be available after Go Live in October.

We are offering four main training courses at this time and one 'mini' session aimed at the PI role in eIRB. The courses and their focus are listed in the attached document. The courses should be taken in order, as many of the concepts introduced in the earlier courses will be built upon in the successive courses. Courses 1, 2 and 3 should be taken by all eIRB users, with Course 4 being optional unless you plan to rely on IRBs outside of the UMMS IRB (e.g. Advarra, WCG IRB, etc.) to review your research. The PI 'mini course' is also optional.

Please refer to the attached document for information about when the courses are being held, instructions regarding registration, and details on how to register for the courses. Click here to register:

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/eIRBsupport1@umassmed.edu/bookings/ Please contact us through eIRBsupport@umassmed.edu with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you at the training! Sincerely,

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