

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Institutional Review Board

Chair

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Meeting Dates in Current Year:

Year 2015-2016 – 7 meetings, but most activity done online

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

In the 2015-2016 academic year to date (as of June 27, 2016), the IRB reviewed 61 studies. Of those, 53 were approved, 2 are still pending revisions, 4 were withdrawn from review by the PI, and 2 were determined not to be research. Only 4 of the 53 studies have been closed, but over the course of this academic year we received a total of 38 closed study reports. (This may be an unusually high number because the graduate assistant tracked people down who never submitted them from years prior). In addition, we approved 15 continuing review requests, for a total of 64 currently open studies.

In February 2016, the IRB license was renewed through the Department of Health and Human Services.