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Re: Announcement Regarding the IRB

The University of Florida is seeking to increase its reputation and advance in the national rankings. Leadership on the UF Health Jacksonville campus is developing and executing a plan to grow research infrastructure and activities to support the academic component of UF Health Jacksonville's overall strategic plan. As part of this important effort, the Jacksonville campus will be increasing its role in conducting human subjects research. In order to capitalize on this unique opportunity, the University of Florida is consolidating resources by merging the IRB-03 and IRB-01 to allow for unified reviews of protocols involving human subjects research across both campuses.

Beginning June 1, 2019, all new IRB submissions will be reviewed by the new unified UF IRB-01. The revised structure of the unified IRB-01 will include members from both the Gainesville and the Jacksonville campuses. Most of this transition will occur electronically by the IRB staff. In some cases, the Jacksonville research faculty will need to submit a simple revision to make the change, in which case they will be notified. We will make every effort to facilitate this process and make the transition as seamless as possible, keeping the safety of our research subjects at the center of this effort.

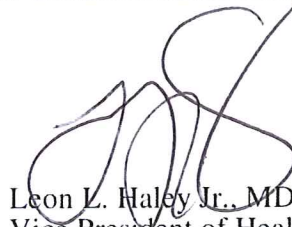
This merger will help to optimize the pursuit of this expanded research goal by providing more infrastructure and service to our Jacksonville researchers, to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local privacy regulations, and to address the growing complexity regarding human subjects research regulatory oversight.

We are excited about this opportunity to advance our "One UF, One Vision" mission. Should you have questions or thoughts, in Jacksonville please contact Alexander Parker, PhD (904-803-6003) or Tina Bottini (904-382-7145); in Gainesville please contact Michael Mahoney (352-443-9444).

Sincerely,



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