COMMON RULE

Concluding several years of proposed rule making, the revised Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects Final Rule was issued in the Federal Register on January 19, 2017, with an implementation date of January 2018. However, the rule change has yet to be approved by the new administration, so this date may change. The final rule is designed to more thoroughly address the broader types of research conducted or otherwise supported by all of the Common Rule departments and agencies such as behavioral and social science research. It also benefits from continuing efforts to harmonize human subjects policies across federal department and agencies. WMed is working on its approach to the revisions and will keep the research community informed. Several groups have published resources to help organizations understand and implement the rule (see below):

* [OHRP](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/common-rule/index.html)
* [PRIM&R](https://www.primr.org/commonrule/)
* [HRP](http://www.thehrpconsultinggroup.com/common-rule)
* [CITI](https://support.citiprogram.org/customer/en/portal/articles/2723578-final-revisions-to-the-common-rule)