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Subject: eIRB Upgrade – Please submit continuing reviews by 9/1/21 for studies expiring through 11/30/21 [eIRB]
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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 2021. Please see below for important information regarding the **eIRB Upgrade and Continuing Reviews**.

For a period of time prior to go-live, the UMMS IRB will need to freeze receipt of new studies, modifications, and continuing reviews to ensure data integrity across the two systems. We will do our best to keep the period as short as possible and to minimize the impact this may have on researchers. We encourage researchers to think ahead to time sensitive submissions (e.g., NIH JIT awards) that may require attention during this period and to submit to the IRB well in advance.

More than 170 studies are set to expire between now and the end of November. **Please take a moment to identify all studies that are set to expire between now and November 30 and submit the corresponding Continuing Review by Wednesday, September 1, 2021.** The IRB Office will conduct the continuing review early to help ensure that these studies are reapproved prior to data migration into the new system.

To assist study teams with preparing for the transition from the legacy system to the new eIRB, we have updated the attached checklist – which includes submitting the final continuing review for studies that no longer require IRB oversight. We encourage you to review the checklist and to take the corresponding actions, including obtaining UMassMed credentials and entering your UMassMed email into your user profile in eIRB and into your Institutional Profile in CITI.

We will share continued communications, including information on training, as we progress along the project timeline.

Sincerely,
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