

IRB Bulletin: August 2025

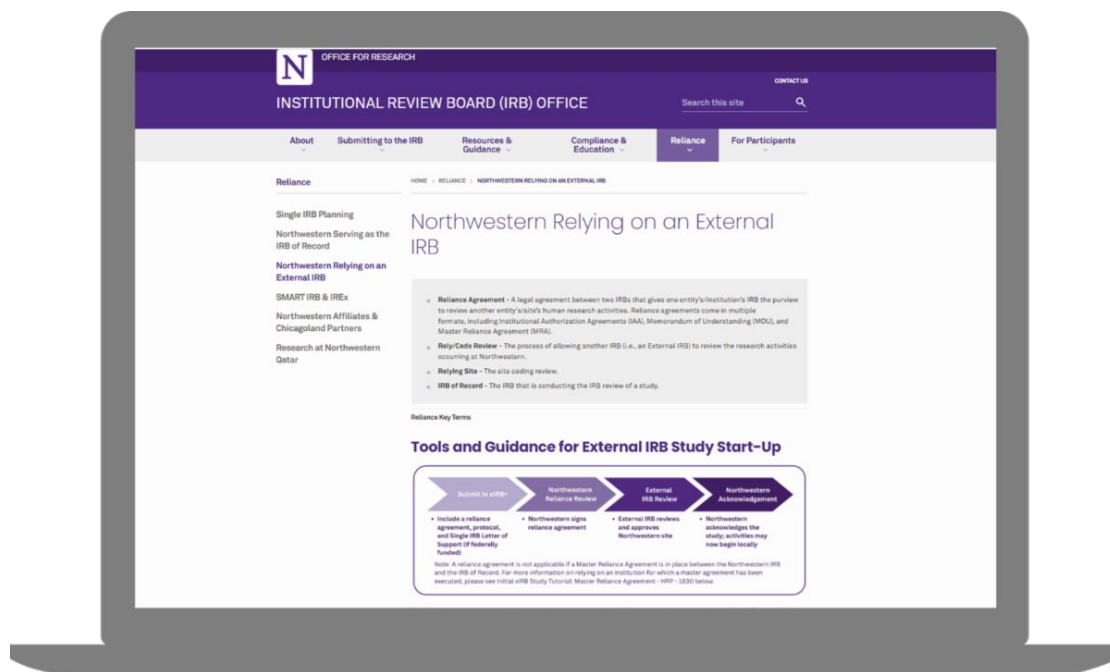
Announcements

As a part of the Northwestern University IRB Office's initiative to share timely resources and information with the research community, the IRB publishes the Bulletin at the beginning of each month, which contains relevant updates from the IRB Office. You can also find the IRB Bulletin on the [IRB News & Announcements webpage](#). Please keep reading for this month's updates.

Updated External IRB Webpage and a New Resource

The Reliance team is excited to announce that the [Northwestern Relying on an External IRB Webpage](#) has been updated! You'll notice the webpage has a new look and feel, along with a reorganized layout designed to spotlight our most frequently used resources and guidance. As part of this update, we've also created a high-level overview of the External IRB process, which is pictured below. This overview offers a clear, 10,000-foot perspective to help the research community understand the overall workflow.

We've also introduced a new detailed education tool to support external IRB study startup: **HRP-1802 Reliance Process Flowchart: Relying on an External IRB**. This new document describes the main three phases of the External IRB study startup process and highlights the key benchmarks along the way.



New Guidance Available: MRI/MRA & Gadolinium-Based Contrast Agents (GBCA)

The IRB Office has updated its guidance on the use of MRI/MRA and Gadolinium-Based Contrast Agents (GBCA). If your study involves these procedures, please ensure that the most current **recommended language** is included in your protocols and consent documents.

More information can be found on the [Use of MRI/MRA With or Without Gadolinium-Based Contrast Agent \(GBCA\) for Research](#) webpage.

UPCOMING IRB BROWN BAG

Research Data Management Support at Northwestern University

Wednesday August 20, 2025 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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Please join us for our monthly IRB Brown Bag Session, led by representatives from **Research Computing & Data Services, Galter Health Sciences Library, and University Libraries.**

Research data management is a hot topic: between new funder requirements and the expanding size and complexity of datasets, skills in this area are more in demand than ever before. This session identifies the origin of federal data management requirements, outlines key points in the research process where data management is critical, and highlights valuable resources and support available to researchers. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the federal policies shaping data management expectations, practical strategies to manage research data throughout the study lifecycle, and knowledge of where to turn for help.



Please view the [Events Page](#) for details and registration information for upcoming [Brown Bag](#) informational sessions.

In case you missed last month's Brown Bag session, *Reliance Demystified - Local Context Forms, Welcome Packet Updates, and More*, the presentation slides are now available on our [IRB Brown Bag](#) webpage. This session covered key requirements and updated resources for studies where Northwestern serves as the IRB of Record, explained the role and importance of Local Context Forms, and tips for navigating multisite research with confidence.

UPDATED DOCUMENTS

The following was updated and is now available on the [Policies & Guidance](#) Page:

- Guidance for Determining Engagement in Human Research at Northwestern University and Affiliated Institutions (HRP-1913)

The following was updated and is now available on the [Checklists and Worksheets](#) Page:

- Reportable New Information Items (HRP-321)
- Short Form of Consent Documentation (HRP-317)

The following was updated and is now available on the [SOPs](#) Page:

- External Reporting Process (HRP-094)
- Emergency Use (HRP-023)

For more information on updated documents, reach out to irb@northwestern.edu

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Tadè Ogungbadero!

Hi everyone! I started here at Northwestern about six months ago as an IRB analyst. As an analyst, my main jobs are to review submissions for studies and take notes at IRB panel meetings.

Before joining the IRBeeHive, I was a regulatory compliance officer at Ohio State University. Prior to that, I worked as a lab manager in Virginia. I've been involved in research my entire career! My first love will always be psychological research, specifically in racial biases in pain perception.

In my free time I enjoy making my friends watch terrible movies, taking ballroom dance classes, and struggling with my guitar. I'm also on a mission to find the best place to get pancakes in Columbus, Ohio.



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