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## RSVP to the 2018 Research Conference

Register for Adventist HealthCare's annual Research Conference, which will be held this year on Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Sycamore/Birch Conference Rooms at Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center. Researchers, compliance professionals, and those interested in our healthcare system's research and the larger regulatory community is encouraged to attend. Speakers include:

- Thomas Bechert, Higher Education Consulting Director at Huron Consulting Group and Dr. Stuart Horowitz, President of Institutions & Institutional Services at WIRB-Copernicus Group, will discuss research site best practices and collaborative opportunities.
- Dr. Quynh-Van Tran, a team leader in the FDA's Office of Scientific Investigations, will speak about common audit findings and preventive methods.
- Sarah Gray, Director of Communications at the American Association of Tissue Banks and former TED speaker, will give a heartfelt talk about donating her newborn son's organs to medical research.

Seating is limited. Please register early at [AdventistHealthCare.com/ResearchConference](http://AdventistHealthCare.com/ResearchConference), by email at [IRB@adventisthealthcare.com](mailto:IRB@adventisthealthcare.com), or by calling 301-315-3400. The registration deadline is October 1.

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## Welcome Maria Halaguena

Maria Halaguena is the new IRB Coordinator effective June 18. She was previously interning in the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Program at Adventist HealthCare's Center for Health Equity and Wellness. We are excited to have her join the team. Welcome Maria!

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## Revised Informed Consent Template

The **Informed Consent Form Template** has been revised to include updated research injury language. Please utilize this template for new studies moving forward.

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## Updated IRB Membership Roster

The IRB Membership Roster has been updated as of February 8, 2018 and can be found on our website [here](#).

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## Updated Research Policies

Additional research policies have been uploaded in the [Adventist HealthCare Policy Library](#) on the intranet. For any policies that are not yet posted, please continue to refer to the [IRB Handbook](#) on our website.

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## Clear Communication Information from the CDC

[Everyday Words for Public Health Communication](#) is a helpful resource for using plain language when generating informed consent forms or recruitment materials.

[Federal Plain Language guidelines](#) is an additional resource to aid in developing clear communications to potential or current research subjects.

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## Revised Common Rule Implementation Delay

The effective date of the revised Common Rule has been delayed until January 21, 2019.