

**Date:** May 14, 2013  
**To:** All Clinical Researchers Conducting Research Involving Radiation  
**Subject:** webIRB Replacing CARE for MRSC/RDRC Reviews and Approvals

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## Good News!

Effective June 1, 2013 clinical researchers conducting research involving radiation will submit to the Medical Radiation Safety Committee (MRSC)/Radioactive Drug Research Committee (RDRC) for review and approval via the **UCLA webIRB**. The use of webIRB will replace the UCLA Controlled Access for Radiation Exposure (CARE) submission system so that a separate submission via CARE will no longer be required or accepted.

### This means:

- You will be required to submit only one combined application for both MRSC/RDRC and IRB review and approval.
- MRSC/RDRC review will take place via webIRB which will be available to MRSC/RDRC committee members, appropriate EH&S staff, and ORSC staff.
- Investigators will receive e-mail communications about MRSC/RDRC review via webIRB.
- MRSC/RDRC Approval notices will be generated via webIRB
- Previous and future MRSC/RDRC Approval notices can be viewed in the “Other Regulatory Documents” tab in webIRB.

## New Applications

New research applications that require review from both the MRSC/RDRC and the IRB will be submitted in **one** application via webIRB. Questions specific to the MRSC/RDRC will be found in Section 8.11 of the webIRB application.

## IRB Application Update Required for Previously-Approved Radiation Studies

You will be required to complete the new Radiation Section 8.11 at the time of your next IRB submission for all previously-approved studies involving radiation. Or, you may submit an amendment at this time to update the information that is required for human research studies involving radiation.

- **Amendments *proposing no changes to approved radiation procedures*:** Where Section 8.11, 2.2 requests the new Forms A, B, and/or C, you should ***instead*** upload a copy of your previously-approved CARE application (that is, the 8-page application only excluding any IRB materials).
- **Amendments *proposing changes to approved radiation procedures*:** Complete Section 8.11 as directed.
- **Continuing Review:** IRB approval of the new webIRB Radiation section 8.11 will be required ***via a separate amendment*** before a continuing review will be approved. You can submit ahead of time *or* you can submit your amendment to update the Radiation Section 8.11 concurrent with your continuing review. If you do the latter, you should submit your amendment and continuing review applications 60 days before the expiration of your IRB approval to allow sufficient time to review both the amendment and the continuing review without a lapse in approval period.