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The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Research and Development (ORD) has instituted the VA Innovation and Research Review System (VAIRRS), the VA's instance of IRBNet. There are ample resources readily available to VAIRRS end-users. Please reference the various tools and programs for further support and assistance.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Training

VAIRRS University is available on the ☐ VAIRRS SharePoint portal. The program is filled with VAIRRS specific-training resources, best practices and tutorials. Individuals can select from seven user role pathways and five training material categories to view curated selections of the available resources.

Monthly Webinars

VAIRRS holds monthly webinars on various topics and supports the quarterly Central IRB webinars, which often focus on IRBNet-related topics. All previous webinars are available for review in the ORD Webinar Archive. VAIRRS-specific webinars can be found in the VAIRRS Webinar Archive.

FAQs

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about VAIRRS are available on the VAIRRS website.

MENTOR PROGRAM

The VAIRRS Mentor Program is available to research sites that wish to learn from experienced users and engage in the sharing of best practices in the adoption and use of IRBNet. Sites who can offer expertise or would like to receive help can submit applications via the VAIRRS Mentor Program SharePoint page.

NEWSLETTER & PROGRAM UPDATE

The VAIRRS Newsletter is published bi-monthly. A VAIRRS Program Update is published on the alternative months. Any user can subscribe to the publications here. Archived issues of the VAIRRS Newsletters and Program Updates can be found on the VAIRRS website.

FORMS AND TEMPLATES

The ORPP&E library of forms and letter templates are available for review on the VAIRRS SharePoint portal. As the documents are updated, local IRBNet administrators are alerted of upcoming changes in the VAIRRS Newsletter and Program Update emails.

The updated documents are posted within the ORPP&E Standard Form Library. Requests for additions or changes to existing templates can be submitted using the VAIRRS CCB Request form. The VAIRRS Library Change Control Board (CCB) meets every month to review suggested changes.