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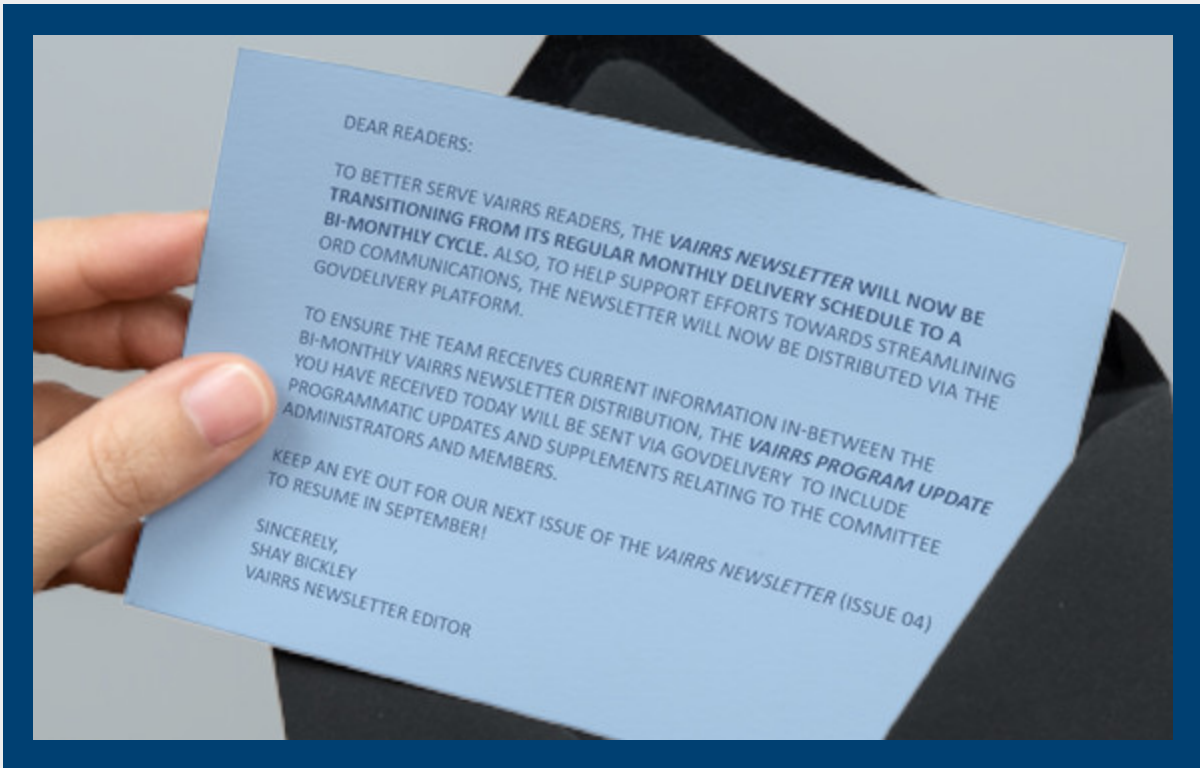
AUGUST 2021

HOT TOPIC

TRANSITION PROGRESS

- **A total of 105 sites (+ Central IRB) are active on VA's instance of IRBNet**
- **The following sites have recently been added: Finger Lakes VA**
 - **(Scheduled Go-live August 2)**
- **Upcoming: Prescott VA (Scheduled Go-live September 1)**

Letter from the Editor: VAIRRS Newsletter and Program Update Announcement



Completion of 105 Sites: Next Phase



“This enterprise approach will decrease the need for national data calls and will enable the Office of Research and Development to have an ‘air traffic control board’ to see where studies, by topic, are happening across the system. Among other benefits this will enable improved implementation of multi-site clinical trials.”

- Molly Klote, M.D., Office of Research Protections, Policy and Education Director

VAIRRS Wizard Completion Campaign: Cover and Info Sheet Reminder

The main focus for VAIRRS leans towards achieving a complete data set to power the **VHA Research Dashboards**. The goal of the dashboards is to leverage the IRBNet enterprise data set to provide ORD Leadership and the research community with a complete and accurate representation of VHA research activity.

The deadline for study teams to complete the Project Cover Sheet and IRB Information Sheet Wizards (as applicable) for all active projects is December 15, 2021.

Please instruct your researchers to submit their Wizards as soon as possible.

IN FOCUS

TMS/CITI Integration Updates

The integration of TMS and CITI training records is nearing completion. The VAIRRS Program Team, IRBNet, CITI, and EES are working together to complete integration by the end of August. Your site will be contacted once the training records are ready for integration. Instructions for linking your CITI account are available on the VAIRRS portal.

Central IRB Trainings

Optimal Workflow Management for Local Research Offices

Thursday, August 26th 1-2PM EDT

Presenters: Don Workman, PhD, VA IRB Network Director
Owen Bean, Director of Customer Support, IRBNet

VAIRRS Standard Library Updates

VAIRRS Change Control Board meets monthly to review requested changes and potential new forms and letter templates.

Please submit your suggestions to VAIRRS@va.gov.

- **Library Updates**
 - Project Cover Sheet Wizard – Addition of COVID-related research questions
 - 3.7L – R&DC ACOS Approval Letter Template – Language updated
 - 3.21L – R&DC Approval Pending ISSO and PO – New letter template
 - 7.35L – IRB Annual Status Acknowledgement – New letter template
 - 7.16A – IRB Amendment Request Form – Form revised for clarity
- **Upcoming Library Updates**

- IRB Info Sheet – CIRB and non-VA IRB workflow
- R&DC Forms – PI signature block removed where not required, Conversion to fillable .pdf forms
- IRB Forms – PI signature block removed where not required, Conversion to fillable .pdf forms

Reminder: It is expected that all VAIRRS sites will use the standard library and supplement with local forms as necessary. The Project Cover Sheet and IRB Information Sheet wizards must be completed **December 15, 2021**.



UPCOMING VAIRRS NEWLETTER

SEPTEMBER TOPICS

- Dashboard Enhancement Updates
- September Dashboard Focus Groups
- IRBNet Training

Thank you,
VAIRRS Program Team

VAIRRS WEBSITE: <https://www.research.va.gov/programs/orppe/vairrs/default.cfm>

VAIRRS SharePoint: <https://dvaqov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHAORPPE/VAIRRS>

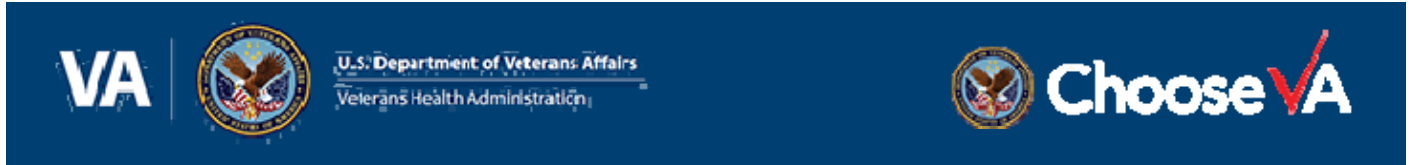
ORD Policy and Guidance FAQs: <https://www.research.va.gov/resources/policies/faq-search.cfm>

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