

# Institutional Review Board Updates

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## IRB News

We have three new members joining the IRB this spring:

**Kris Barnekow** is an associate professor in the Department of Occupational Science and Technology. Dr. Barnekow's clinical training is in occupational therapy. Her research is in the field of early intervention with an emphasis on early identification of developmental disorders, health literacy and infant/toddler mental health.

**Jeanne Erickson** joined the faculty at the UWM College of Nursing in fall 2014 after previously teaching at the University of Virginia. Dr. Erickson's program of research focuses on symptom management for adolescents and young adults with cancer. She joined the IRB because she is interested in research ethics and learning more about the research process. Her hobbies include running, sailing, and traveling with her family.

**Victoria Moerchen** is an Associate Professor in the College of Health Sciences. She has a translational research agenda including a focus on early motor development and early motor intervention, in addition to a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning line of research focused on pediatric pedagogy and evidence-based teaching. She has been with UWM since 2006. When asked why she wanted to join the IRB, she said, "The UWM IRB has always been formative and constructive to work with, and I wanted to honor this by giving back in support of pediatric research on this campus." Dr. Moerchen's dog, a Bichon named Dante, is her constant companion in most everything she does. He even kayaks with her!

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## Funding Changes?

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Is your study funded, and your funding source has changed? Maybe you didn't have funding before, but you got that grant (hooray)! Or maybe your funding has ended, but you still want to keep your study going. Whatever the situation, make sure you let us know!

Submit an amendment whenever you have funding changes. If you have new federal funding, submit a copy of the grant proposal along with the amendment.



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### Upcoming IRB Meeting Dates:

- ◆ May 5, 2017 (deadline for Full Board submissions: Apr 19)
- ◆ June 2, 2017 (deadline for Full Board submissions: May 17)
- ◆ July 7, 2017 (deadline for Full Board submissions: Jun 21)

## Tips for Study IDs

If you're using a pseudonym or a study ID code with your participants, the whole point is to keep their identity confidential. To maintain that confidentiality, remember to follow these tips:



- ◇ Do **not** use any part of the person's name, including initials.
- ◇ Do **not** use anything that is associated with their identity (birth date, student ID numbers, etc.).
- ◇ If you're using numbers, sequential numbers are typically the easiest (Participant 001, Participant 002, etc.).
- ◇ If you're using a pseudonym and don't know how to pick a name, a quick online search will give you many options for free random name generators. Some are even available as phone or tablet apps.

## In-depth Spotlight: International Research

### Did you know that UWM researchers travel the world?

We receive 10-20 new submissions each year for studies conducted outside the US.

Our researchers are studying water usage in Mozambique, trauma among Chinese teens, social engagement in Malaysia, special education in Hungary, health care in Saudi Arabia, and many other topics.

### If you want to do international research:

- ◆ Start early! Allow 4-6 months for planning.
- ◆ Check out our new form and guidance on our website: <http://uwm.edu/irb/international-research-form-and-guidance/>
- ◆ Find someone with lots of knowledge, experience, and contacts in that country (preferably someone who has done human subjects research).
- ◆ Establish contacts in that country and involve them in your research design.
- ◆ Be mindful of the local culture, political situation, and language(s) as you design your study.
- ◆ Find out what local ethics review / oversight is required.
- ◆ Obtain UWM IRB and local approvals.
- ◆ Conduct your research.
- ◆ Make sure to keep your data secure, including during travel.
- ◆ Keep communication open—even after you leave! Maintain the relationships you built and share your research results with your participants.



### UWM Research Around the Globe

Bahamas • Brazil • Burma  
Cameroon • Canada • China  
Colombia • Denmark  
Dominican Republic  
Germany • Ghana • Hungary  
India • Indonesia • Italy  
Japan • Jordan • Kenya  
Kuwait • Malawi • Mexico  
Mozambique • Nigeria  
Pakistan • Philippines  
Puerto Rico  
Republic of Benin • Romania  
Russia • Saudi Arabia  
South Africa • South Korea  
Thailand • Turkey  
Uzbekistan • Venezuela



# IRB Metrics

Fiscal Year 2016

- ◆ 1358 active studies
- ◆ 1192 submissions received:
  - ◆ 394 new studies: 212 exempt, 141 expedited, 8 full board, 33 deferrals to other institutions.  
Of these, 232 (59%) are being done as part of a student project, dissertation, or thesis.
  - ◆ 268 amendments
  - ◆ 352 continuing reviews
  - ◆ 11 reportable events
  - ◆ 104 determination forms
- ◆ We received the most new study submissions in March (54) and the fewest in December (18).
- ◆ Top 4 submitting departments:
  1. Psychology
  2. Nursing
  3. Kinesiology
  4. Social work



Total number of IRB submissions reviewed by fiscal year

