

IREx April Quarterly Call – Summary

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the April IREx Quarterly Call. Below is a summary of key updates and discussions.

Announcements & Community Updates

- **HRPP Collaborative Review Community Portal launched**

A new, platform-agnostic portal hosted through REDCap is now live for HRPP professionals involved in single IRB (sIRB) review.

- Purpose: shared learning, discussion of challenges and best practices, and cross-institutional collaboration
- Features include discussion posts, reactions, and “reputation points” to recognize active contributors
- A steering committee will help guide future direction and engagement
- Quarterly newsletter highlights from the portal are planned
- To join, [please complete this survey](#)

Recent IREx Enhancements

- **Automating Local Considerations (launched Oct 2025)**

Early data shows measurable efficiency gains:

- ~20 days faster completion of HRP surveys (from site contact to survey completion)
- ~13 days faster time to participating site approval (from site contact to approval date)
- Feedback to date has been positive, with sites noting reduced duplication and smoother workflows.

- **New Reviewing IRB Capabilities**

- Reviewing IRBs can now **edit study elements** even after initial setup
- Important reminder: if study elements change after sites complete HRP surveys, sites must be notified to update their submissions

- **Letter of Reliance Access**

- Participating study teams can now download their **Letter of Reliance** directly from the study page

- **Institutional Profile (IP) Updates – Section 3**

- HRPPs are encouraged to update local investigator instructions

- Starting in **July**, this information will auto-populate IREx notification emails to streamline communication and reduce manual follow-up

Study Team Spotlight: Connect Consortium

Study managers from the Connect Consortium (Nationwide Children's Hospital) shared practical tips and real-world scenarios, including:

- Avoiding accidental staff deletion (use the edit/pencil icon, not delete)
- Best practices for navigating linked or affiliated institutions
- Clarifying how to handle informed consent uploads when IRB review is still in progress
- Ensuring both long and short study titles are updated to prevent email inconsistencies
- Leveraging IREx resources to onboard sites new to the platform
- Flexible approaches to dividing study manager responsibilities as study volume grows

Resources & Support

- IREx resource pages (guides and videos for HRPPs, study teams, and participating sites) were highlighted
- Resource pages are being reformatted to improve usability (content will remain the same)
- The IREx team is available to join consortium or site calls to provide brief IREx overviews for new users

Upcoming & In-Development Features

- Smart IRB indemnification addendum tracking
- Progress indicators for relying sites to clarify where they are in the reliance process
- Ability for lead study teams to request survey revisions directly within IREx
- Continued evaluation of enabling **lead study teams to create studies in IREx**, informed by attendee poll feedback and concerns