



## Human Research Protections Office (HRPO)

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**Mission:**

The University of Maryland School of Medicine HRPO's mission is to cultivate a culture of conscience in the University of Maryland, Baltimore's research community to ensure the highest levels of human participants' advocacy and protections.

**Contact Information:**

The HRPO hours of operation are  
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The UMB IRB uses a web-based system to manage all human research protocol submissions, called the Biomedical Research and Assurance Network (BRAAN). To access the BRAAN system go to - <https://braan.umaryland.edu/>

**News of the Month:**

Now that the AAHRPP site visit has been completed, some changes have been suggested to improve the quality our service. Although the full AAHRPP report will not be available until the end of October, additions such as this newsletter, an "Investigator's Manual", and others have already been implemented. Additionally, you will see changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual, and to specific policies and definitions within the manual.

The SOP manual is now available on our website in both a Word document, and a more easily downloadable PDF format. A clickable, user-friendly web version of the manual is in the works, and should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

We encourage you to visit the HRPO website often for breaking news and updates.

We hope that that these new tools will better facilitate the research protocol submission and review process.

**From the Director:**

I would like to take this time to thank all of the faculty and staff who participated and helped prepare for the recent AAHRPP Site Visit. It was truly a "team effort"!



The year-long process of preparing for AAHRPP accreditation has accelerated many changes (for the better) at the HRPO. It is our goal to continue to improve the review process, and strengthen our service to the research community.

**Susan Buskirk**

**Schedule of Events:**

**BRAAN Training:** October 19, 2005 2PM  
<http://medschool.umaryland.edu/ors/livetraining/register.asp?cid=89>  
 To Register

**BRAAN Training:** November 14, 2005 10AM  
<http://medschool.umaryland.edu/ors/livetraining/register.asp?cid=90>  
 To Register

**Certified Physician Investigator Exam:**  
<http://medschool.umaryland.edu/ORAGS/hrpo/cpiexam.asp>  
 For More Information

**Columbus Day:** October 10, 2005