



Dear TTUHSC Researchers, Research Staff, and Research Community,

I am pleased to announce an upcoming improvement to the portal for Human Subjects Research at TTUHSC. Office of Research listened to concerns (iRIS limitations) and decided to update our electronic platform for submission of research to our Institutional Review Boards (IRB). Therefore, the TTUHSC IRBs will be undergoing a system conversion this summer to transition from iRIS to the updated Cayuse Human Ethics electronic platform. [Click here to view a demo.](#)

TTUHSC recently implemented the Cayuse Outside Interest (OI) platform to manage TTUHSC Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest, and the Office of Sponsored Programs has for years been using Cayuse software for grant submissions successfully. The TTUHSC Human Subject Research Protection Program (HRPP) decided to transition to the Cayuse Human Ethics electronic platform (1) to grow TTUHSC's research program and opportunities and (2) to ensure compliance and flexibility to accommodate changes to regulations and federal guidelines.

This system is more robust, intuitive, and efficient—with clear workflows and additional internal and external reporting options, including internal quality control and quality assurance measures for TTUHSC's HRPP. Cayuse is designed to be more user-friendly and service-based for the submission of research for both the individual researcher and the larger research groups, including clinical and multi-site research with research support teams and coordinators.

As with any major change, there will be growing pains and we ask for your patience as we implement the new system over the next few months. Office of Research personnel will be taking an “all hands-on deck” attitude putting in additional time to mitigate impacts to the research community.

Our office will provide updates and notices throughout the implementation process, including dates, training, and responses to questions from the research community (note: please look for the subject line “iRIS to Cayuse Transition: Important Update” in correspondence and your Inbox). While iRIS played an integral role in growing TTUHSC's research infrastructure, we have outgrown the capabilities of iRIS and it is time to take the next step forward!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lance R. McMahon'.

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