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FAQ Topic: Informed Consent Forms- Expiration Dates

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Question: Must expiration dates appear on informed consent forms for VA research?

Answer: No. Neither the Common Rule (38 CFR Part 16) nor VHA Handbook 1200.05 requires that expiration dates appear on informed consent forms. Each IRB has the authority to determine whether or not expiration dates are to appear on the consent forms that it approves.