April Webinar

Question & Answer

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1. **Are there IRBNet-specific training resources available?**

   Yes. There are various training resources available behind the VA firewall, on the [VAIRRS SharePoint site](#).

2. **Are tags included as one of the data sources?**
   Yes. VAIRRS uses the Global Tags Report to include tags in the search criteria. Sites can also request a Global Tags Report for their workspace(s) from IRBNet Support (govsupport@irbnet.org).

3. **After an individual submits a request for access to the dashboards, will the individual receive a confirmation email notifying access has been granted?**

   Yes. Once access is granted, a notification email is automatically generated and sent, confirming access has been granted and providing a direct link to the requested dashboard.

4. **Are Drillthrough project personnel updated as staff amendments are submitted? Does the Project Cover Sheet also need to be updated for the dashboard to work?**

   The only way that a change would be reflected on the dashboard is if a revised Project Cover Sheet is submitted. VAIRRS captures the latest Project Cover Sheet data and then that data is reported on the dashboard. However, the Project Cover Sheet should already be updated if the study team is submitting an amendment to revise study personnel.

5. **Should studies submit a revised Project Cover Sheet with every amendment/revision?**

   Studies only need to submit a revised Project Cover Sheet if the amendment or revision is related to items that were previously reported on the Project Cover Sheet. For example, if an amendment changes the study personnel originally reported in the Project Cover Sheet, then a revised version should be submitted, so that the details reflected are consistent with the current details of the study.

6. **If a site has a multi-site IRB, will they have access to the studies reviewed for other sites?**

   No. Individuals should only have access to the studies reviewed at their own site.

7. **Do Project Cover Sheets need to be submitted for QI projects and/or previously closed studies?**

   A Project Cover Sheet does **not** need to be submitted for closed studies. However, a Project Cover Sheet should be submitted if the QI project is being reviewed locally.

8. **Is the dashboard access request system live?**

   Yes, the dashboard access request system is live. If there are any issues submitting an access request, send an email to the VAIRRS Dashboards email account (VAIRRSDashboards@va.gov) for further investigation.

9. **Do QI projects have to go through IRBNet?**

   No, sites are not required to enter QI projects into IRBNet. The protocol for a site entering QI projects into IRBNet depends on local SOPs. However, if a site chooses to enter a QI project in IRBNet, then the QI project should be accompanied by a Project Cover Sheet Wizard.

10. **Can anyone use VAEDA?**

    VAEDA is still in a soft launch phase with plans to fully launch by the end of the summer 2022. However, there are no restrictions on the VAEDA soft launch sites. If your site is not already included in the soft launch, and you would like to use VAEDA, email Angela Foster (Angela.Foster@va.gov) to receive a link to access VAEDA.

11. **What is displayed on the Review Process page of the dashboard?**

    The Review Process page gathers actions from all individual workspaces at a site. The difference between the Review Process page and other data displayed is that the Review Process page does not restrict based on project status. For example, projects or packages that are acknowledged or, in some cases, disapproved – all of those would appear on the Review Process page, just as it would appear in your site's Review Process Insight Report. If you don't already receive the Review Process Insight Report for your site, you can request it from IRBNet Support (govsupport@irbnet.org).

12. **Will parts of the Facility Director's Report be removed due to the fact that the dashboard collects the same information?**

    No. The field dashboards have no crossover with the Facility Director's Report. For RCOs, there are plans to include certain metrics that are reported in the Facility Director's Report in the new RCO workspace. However, the dashboards that are shown during this webinar have no relation to, and no crossover with, the Facility Director's Report.

13. **What does the Review Process Report show? Does this report show just the most recent event for a particular study, or does it show all the review process "actions" for each of the packages for a specific study?**

    The Review Process Report pulls in the latest action. It does not show a complete history for every package that has been reviewed within a particular project.

14. **Is it a VAIRRS requirement to update the Project Cover Sheet with any applicable information, or is it a local decision?**

It is a VAIRRS requirement to update the Project Cover Sheet with any applicable information. The only way to accurately report on the data within VAIRRS is if the data is current and up-to-date.

15. **When will data collected from the IRB Information Sheet Wizard be included in the dashboards?**

The dashboards will include the completion rate for IRB Information Sheet Wizards. That will be the first update based on the IRB Information Sheet Wizard. Additions and updates to the dashboards will be influenced by feedback received from the field as users adjust to the new system.

16. **The Human Subjects Research Page shows data regarding consent types and HIPAA types. Where does this data come from?**

The data regarding consent types and HIPPA types is pulled from the IRB Information Sheet Wizard.

17. **Are there any restrictions on who can access the dashboards?**

The only restriction is that individuals only have access to the dashboard for their site.