Part of our new Einstein-Montefiore affiliation is the merger of research infrastructures. As of September 2010, the two institutional IRB’s have been registered under a single Human Subject Research Protection Program, under Einstein’s auspices. The CCI is now the Einstein IRB (East Campus) and the MMC IRB is now the Einstein IRB (West Campus). Dr. Michael Reichgott will assume the leadership role of the IRB upon Dr. Chester Edelmann’s retirement at the end of this year. He will also serve as the Chair of the Einstein IRB (East Campus). Dr. Shlomo Shinnar has been appointed as Chair of the Einstein IRB (West Campus).

To further streamline the IRB review process, 3 subcommittees merged into a single Joint Executive Committee. A leading software firm has developed a web-based platform for paperless routing and electronic signatures. Other modules will be for animal research, Environmental Health and Safety, and Conflict of Interest. We will begin implementing these modules early in 2011.

The newest members of the joint IRB staff are Jacqueline Rowan (East Campus) and Kathleen O’Connor (West). They serve in the roles of quality assurance specialists, with diverse backgrounds in nursing and research (see below).

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The FDA Office of Critical Path Programs, in cosponsorship with CTTI, is announcing a 3-day training course for clinical investigators. The course will be held on November 8 and 9, 2010.

For more information: https://www.trialstransformation.org/fda-clinical-investigator-training-course/

Kudos
Shadi Nhavi, MD, MS, one of the first group of ICTR Career Development awardees, received an independent K23 NIH award (“Varenicline Smoking Cessation Treatment for Methadone Maintenance Patients”). Kudos to Dr. Nhavi and her mentor, Dr. Julia Arnsten.

Simon Spivack MD, MPH, director of pulmonary medicine, is the recipient of a research mentoring K24 award: “Risk for Lung Cancer, Asthma, and COPD: Integrating Clinical and Airway Biomarker.” This Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research provides support for protected time to devote to patient-oriented research and to act as research mentors for clinical fellows and/or junior clinical faculty.

On October 28 in the CRC Conference Room, Moses Research Pavilion 8, the IRB QI specialist Kathleen O’Connor will give a presentation on avoiding common errors in the consenting process. Jacqueline Rowan from the Einstein IRB-East Campus will also attend. Over 50 research coordinators signed up for these ongoing informal networking events.

**REDCap**

REDCap is software designed by Vanderbilt and widely used for building and managing online databases. The Informatics Core has acquired REDCap, and will begin deploying it to investigators for real-time data collection, data management, and analysis. This tool will enable you to do sophisticated data management from your desktop. Stay tuned for training session schedules that will be conducted on both campuses.