

NIH Certification for Protection of Human Subjects

The mission of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to improve human health through biomedical and behavioral research. Conducting research involving human subjects is a necessary and important part of that mission. The NETT Network is committed to the ethical conduct of research and to providing appropriate education for researchers whose work involves human participants.

Since October 2000, the NIH has required certification and documentation of education in the protection of human research participants for all investigators and key personnel submitting NIH applications for grants or proposals for contracts, or receiving new or noncompeting awards including:

- Principal and Co-Investigators
- Research coordinators
- Data managers
- Statisticians

Certification of completion of Human Subjects Protections training can be completed in the following ways:

Institution Specific Programs

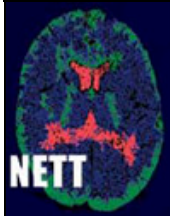
Many Health Systems/Universities have institution-specific training programs that fulfill the NIH requirements. Members of the NETT research community that have such a program in place should participate and certify at their institution. **NOTE: Institution based research training programs may be required regardless of previous NIH certifications or trainings.**

NIH tutorials

As part of its commitment to the protection of human participants, the NIH has developed this tutorial: "Human Participant Protections: Education for Research Teams." This course offers one option to fulfill the obligation for education in the area of human participant protection, including principles of bioethics and basic legal standards. The course includes narrative text, case studies, and exercises to provide research teams with a multifaceted approach to human subjects protection. The tutorial can be found at

<http://cme.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/learning/humanparticipant-protections.asp>

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Program for Education and Evaluation in Responsible Research and Scholarship (PEERRS)

The Program for Education and Evaluation in Responsible Research and Scholarship (PEERRS) is a web-based foundational instruction and certification program for researchers that was created and is maintained by the University of Michigan. The program satisfies the NIH requirements for certification. PEERRS can be accessed at <http://www.research.umich.edu/training/peerrs.html>

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