

New ERMS–Conflict of Interest module is LIVE!

The new ERMS–Conflict of Interest (COI) module is now live, replacing iDisclose 6.0. This new solution is part of the integrated Enterprise Research Management System (ERMS) suite of applications and will improve the user experience while simplifying the COI disclosure process for faculty and staff across UT Health San Antonio. In the new ERMS–COI, users will be able to:

- Request permission to participate in outside activities.
- Disclose outside activities, business relationships and financial interests that have the potential to create a conflict of interest.
- Assign proxies to input disclosures on their behalf.
- Track the review status of disclosures.

The ERMS–COI module will enable rolling disclosures of outside activities and financial interests. Faculty and staff will now be able to make real-time disclosures that can be amended anytime throughout the year. Covered faculty and staff must disclose as activities occur or financial interests are acquired. If no updates are needed, ERMS-COI will prompt users to recertify their disclosures annually. This new functionality will reduce administrative burden by eliminating the need to submit duplicate disclosures and promote compliance through real-time data capture of outside activities and financial interests.

Questions regarding the ERMS–COI module and the transition from iDisclose can be sent to COI@uthscsa.edu.

Resources to support the use of ERMS-COI include:

- ERMS [website](#).
- ERMS Quick [overview](#).
- Recorded town hall [presentation](#).

Additional Information

For more information about disclosure requirements, please see [HOP 10.1.6. Conflicts of Interest in Research and Disclosure](#) and [HOP 10.1.8 Conflict of Commitment and Outside Activities](#).

Virtual VPR Town Hall: ERMS-IRB Module

Please join us for the upcoming virtual [VPR Town Hall- November 15, 2023 at 1:00pm](#) to learn more about the ERMS-IRB module in our new Enterprise Research Management System. The IRB module will integrate with ERMS-Agreements and ERMS-COI modules for a seamless user experience in managing human subjects research. Presenters will walk through the basic steps to submit a new research protocol, a protocol modification (amendment), and continuing review (progress report). Presenters will also touch briefly on

ancillary reviews conducted by other departments such as the Clinical Trials Office and the new process for reporting noncompliance and unanticipated problems to the IRB, which will replace the current prompt report system in REDCap.

Please join us as we embark on this exciting new endeavor that many UT Health SA investigators have already experienced and lauded at other institutions.

Presenters Include:

Jeannette Watterson, PhD, Director, Institutional Review Board
Brandie Otten, Associate Director, Institutional Review Board

Registration for this virtual VPR Town Hall can be found [here](#).

Where can you find the ERMS Login?

- [ERMS Website](#)- Login is located on the right side of the page.
- [Research Resources](#) - Login is located under section, Research Systems.
- ERMS Direct URL to ERMS [Agreements](#).

If you need additional assistance logging in or accessing ERMS, please contact VPR-IT at vpr-it@uthscsa.edu or 210-450-6666.

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