Electronic Institutional Review Board (EIRB) FACT SHEET

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The EIRB is a centralized, web-based application used to manage research, review, and oversight life cycle processes for the Department of Defense, as well as unique DOD review requirements. The EIRB process protects the rights, safety, and welfare of research participants while aiming to achieve positive outcomes that ultimately benefit readiness and DOD beneficiaries.

The application allows senior-level staff to conduct audits without initiating extensive data calls. It helps the DOD streamline research operations, such as standardized research processes and templates, so staff can focus on complex issues and better support the research innovation community.

The EIRB also supports enterprise level strategic decisions regarding regulatory performance, resource utilization, and research portfolio management across the DOD. Research facility staff members, investigators, reviewers, Institutional Review Boards, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, and regulatory oversight staff use EIRB daily to support the processes and management of DOD medical research.

EIRB Consists of the following modules:

- Institutional Review Board Assistant
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- Scientific Review Board
- Institutional Biosafety Committee
- Radiation Safety Assistant
- Publications and Clearance Board

Modernizing Research Processes

Key Features

- Allows for the collection of metrics to assist DOD leadership in making informed and timely decisions
- Provides automated meeting management functionality for review boards
- Simplifies headquarters oversight, able to conduct audits without requesting data calls
- Allows for easy and efficient collaboration on research between internal and external agencies

Key Benefits

- Generates workload, approval time, and productivity metrics at each institutional level
- Automates email notifications for submission tasks
- Decreases duplicative research and funding due to heightened visibility

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EIRB is managed by the **Solution Delivery Division** Clinical Support Program Management Office.