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Introduction to Being an Institutional Official (IO)

Harrisburg University of Science and Technology - Institutional/Signatory
Official: Human Subject Research

Quiz Results

You correctly answered **4 of 5** quiz questions.

Question 1

Question The most important leadership role of the IO is to:

Your Answer Chair the regularly scheduled IRB meetings

Result **Incorrect**

Correct Answer Promote a culture of respect and conscience

Comment The most important role of the IO is to promote a culture of respect and conscience in the ethical conduct of human subject research, so that the ethical conduct of research involving human subjects is supported at the highest levels of the organization.

While the IO does sign the FWA, that is just a paper commitment – the real function of the IO is as a leader in the organization’s research program. Institutional Officials do not chair IRB meetings. Disciplinary measures are rarely necessary and are typically handled through the “chain of command” and/or Human Resources process.

Question 2

Question	There are many ways to foster communication within an organization. An example is:
Your Answer	Having an open door policy
Result	Correct
Comment	Examples of ways to foster communication are having an “open door” policy, having regularly scheduled HRPP meetings, and chairing/attending HRPP “staff” meetings. Making yourself available to discuss issues when needed is vital. IOs do not chair IRB meetings and reviewing all research would be unnecessarily cumbersome for everyone.

Question 3

Question	Personal characteristics that are generally associated with successful leaders include:
Your Answer	Honesty, ability to inspire, and commitment to achieving the program goals
Result	Correct
Comment	Personal characteristics associated with successful leaders

include: honesty; ability to delegate; ability to inspire; sense of humor; ability to stay calm and effective in the face of adversity; creativity; confidence; positive attitude; and genuine commitment to achieving the program goals.

Question 4

Question	The IO should evaluate, or be involved in evaluating:
Your Answer	Whether the composition of the IRB meets regulatory and organizational requirements
Result	Correct
Comment	There is certain information that is important for the IO to know, including: whether the composition of the IRB meets regulatory and organizational requirements; that the FWA is still valid; and the work-load of the IRB and that it does not delay the turn-around time for study actions.

Question 5

Question	The original concept of a responsible "institutional official" for human subject research originates from:
Your Answer	The assurance section of the regulations
Result	Correct
Comment	The assurance section of the regulations is correct. The FWA for an organization is executed by a "signatory official," commonly called an "institutional official" who has the authority to commit the institution/organization to comply with federal regulations for human subject protection in the research activities of the

institution.

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