Guideline (13): IRB Committee Continuing Review of Research

This guideline (13) provides information on the continuing review process of research submitted to IRB committee(s) in each of the college. Information as required by GUST Research and Development Office (RDO) is detailed as below. All members of IRB Committee must be provided with and review:

a) The full protocol, application, or a protocol summary containing the relevant information necessary to determine whether the proposed research continues to fulfill the criteria for approval.

b) The current consent document is still accurate and complete.

c) Any newly proposed consent document.

d) A status report on the progress of the research.

e) For continuing review of research by a convened IRB, each IRB member reviews the complete protocol including any protocol modifications previously approved by the IRB committee.

f) The protocols that need verification from sources other than the researchers that no material changes had occurred since previous IRB review.

g) Significant new findings that arise from the review process and that may relate to participants’ willingness to continue participation will be provided to participants.

h) Provides a status report on the progress of the research including:
   - The number of participants collected.
A summary of revisions includes the following:

- Adverse events and/or outcomes experienced by participants involved in research.
- Unexpected problems involving risks to participants or others involved in the research.
- Participant withdrawals during research.
- The reasons for withdrawals during research.
- Complaints about the research (i.e. topic, nature, methodology, publications, and … etc).
- Amendments or modifications occurred in research since the last IRB initial review.
- Any relevant literature added in research.
- Any interim findings during research since the last IRB initial review.

**NOTE:** When the IRB committee does not approve or approves with modifications, it provides the researcher with a statement of the reasons for its decision and gives the researcher an opportunity to respond in person or in writing to be submitted via e-IRB Submission System (https://irb.gust.edu.kw/).