

PROTECT June 1, 2023 Release Notes

We have installed a patch in PROTECT that has fixed/changed several issues, outlined below. Our “release notes” describing any updates to PROTECT will be posted on our website, [here](#) as well.

NIH Protocol Addendum now displays on Scientific Review (SR)

Files that are uploaded in the IRB SmartForm application, page 1, *NIH Addendum* question will now be displayed on the Scientific Review (SR) SmartForm application page that displays IRB docs for review by the scientific review committee. You will also see the NIH Addendum on the Scientific Review workspace Documents Tab.

Drug and Device page attachments now display on Scientific Review

Drug and device attachments that are uploaded in the IRB SmartForm application will now be displayed on the Scientific Review SmartForm application page that displays IRB docs for review by the scientific review committee. You will also see these attachments on the Scientific Review workspace Documents Tab.

Notifications are now sent to the PI, proxy(ies) and primary contact when IRB related ancillary reviews are completed

When PRIA, Pharmacy, DEC and IBC reviewers complete their ancillary reviews, the system will send out an email to the PI, Proxy, and Primary Contact for that IRB study. This was a request of the research community that we were able to improve on in the system.

NOTE: In an upcoming scheduled release, a notification like this will also be sent when SRC and RSC ancillary reviewers complete their reviews.

Manage Ancillary Review activity – *Response Required* question is automatically answered YES now for IRB, SRC, and RSC

When users run Manage Ancillary Review activity, they will now notice that the Response Required question no longer appears. The question is still there, but just hidden from view and automatically checked as “YES” behind the scenes so ancillary reviewers will always receive a notification when this activity is run. No changes have been made to how the system blocks submissions when ancillaries are incomplete. We have just removed this question from the user’s view to avoid errors and to ensure that the ancillary reviewers receive a notification.

Users can now create RSC submissions for External IRB studies

When the users tried to select a study to associate with an RSC submission, they were not able to find External IRB studies in the chooser list. This has been fixed.

All IRB workspaces now have a Parent Study ID #

Users can now find the parent study ID # on each follow-on submission type workspaces (MOD, MODCR, CR, RNI).

IRB Staff can now finalize documents and send letters on Study Updates

Previously IRB staff were not able to Finalize Documents, Prepare Letter or Send Letter on the workspace for Study Updates. The workflow for study updates, for both single and multi-site external IRB studies, as now been updated to include those activities so that documents submitted with a study update can be finalized in the study update itself and displayed in the parent project, and so that a letter can be prepared and sent from the study update workspace.

Expiration Dates for Parent Studies will now display on Meeting Agenda workspaces for IRB, RSC, and SRC

Users that view IRB, RSC, and SRC meeting workspaces will now notice a column titled *Expiration Date*. This will display the Expiration Date for the Parent IRB Study, if the project has an expiration date.