



## Epic Update for Researchers October 2017

This brief is designed to share key decisions impacting researchers, provide updates on actions and preparations researchers should take in order to best prepare for Epic Go-Live, and highlight features and functions that Epic can provide to our Research community.

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The research team is a core component of Epic1. This team is responsible for building research study records (an RSH record is created so that subjects may be associated) and the tools needed for the research community.

### Current Frequently Asked Research Questions

#### **Q: How will Epic Improve Patient Safety and Care?**

A: One way Epic improves safety and care is by making important research information visible to other physicians and clinicians. Research participants should be associated with the study in Epic so that study personnel are notified if a participant is admitted to a BJC hospital and/or to the emergency department.

#### **Q: How will my IRB-approved studies get into Epic?**

A: The Epic1 research team is working with MyIRB and OnCore to ensure basic study information are incorporated into the Epic RSH record. The Epic1 research team will work with study teams to make certain all appropriate information is in the Epic RSH record. A survey to principal investigators (PIs) that will gather this information is scheduled for the near future.

#### **Q: How will study participants be associated to their study in Epic?**

A: Studies in OnCore will have their participants automatically associated through the Epic/OnCore interface. Research coordinators with studies not in OnCore will participate in a "cutover" process about 4-6 weeks prior to the Academic Go-Live date. During this process, the Epic1 research team will train research study staff to associate research patients to research studies.

#### **Q: What if I want to use other research tools in Epic?**

A: MyIRB has fields specifically for Epic requests to use recruiting tools and ordering tools. During new study submissions and/or study modifications you can request these tools. Requests will be reviewed and approved by members of the Research Steering Committee.

### Upcoming Epic1 Research Events

Brown Bag Presentation: Epic Reporting  
January 2018  
Date and time TBD

### Do you have any questions about the Epic implementation?

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