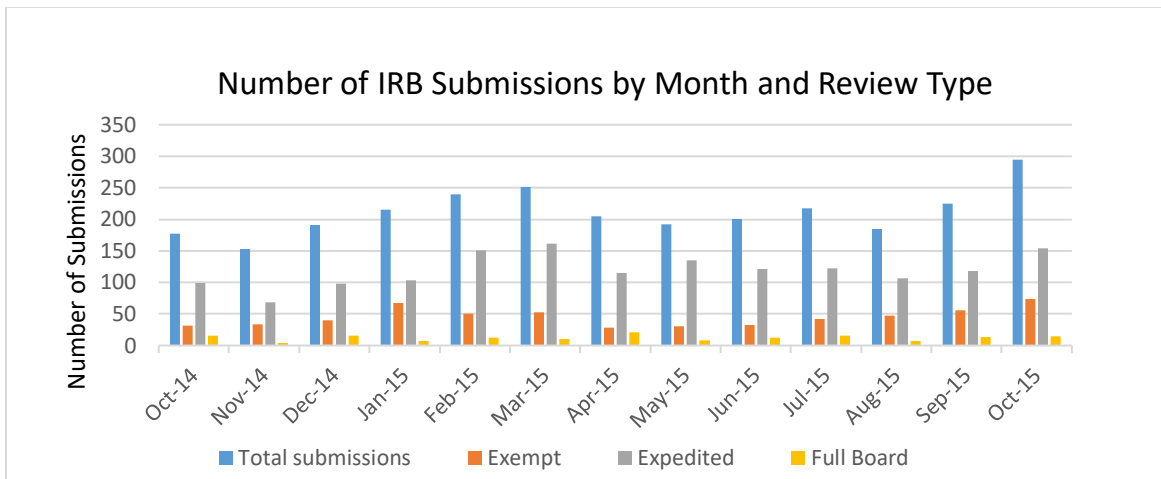


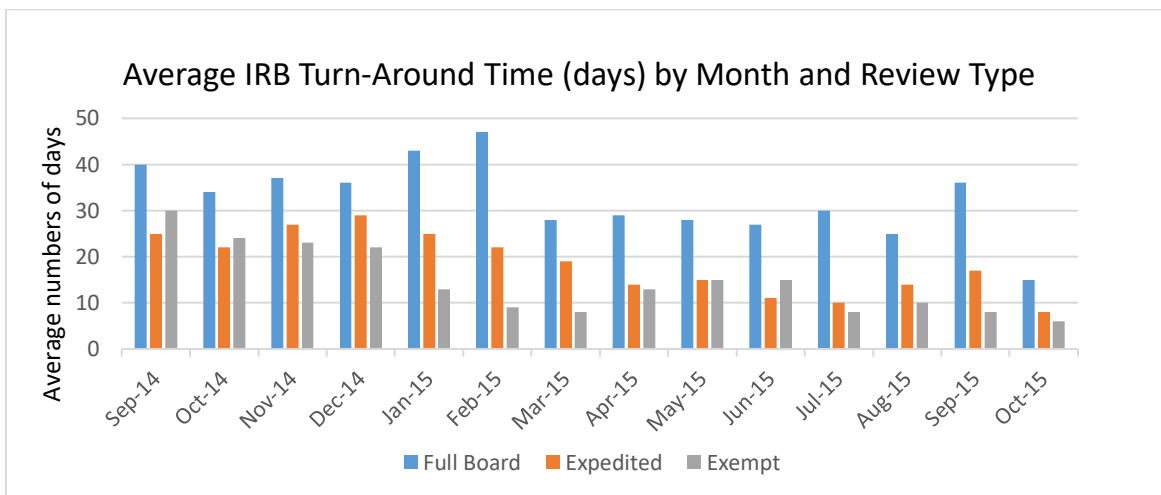
# November HRPP Newsletter

In an effort to increase communication, transparency, and collaboration in the research community, the **Human Research Protection Program** (HRPP) would like to share IRB data from last month and historical context for the information.

This first graph highlights the number of submissions received over the last year (October 2014-October 2015). A monthly average of 211 studies and associated requests has been submitted for that period. During the month of October 2015 the IRB received a total of 295 submissions.



The second graph highlights the average review time per month. The IRB continues to strive to maximize the efficiency of review for full board, exempt and expedited categories. The average review turnaround time for all submissions during the month of October improved by more than two weeks—from 22 days in 2014 to 6.25 days in 2015—continuing the trend of significant reduction across all review types.



**TIP of the month:** Please contact the IRB if a researcher from outside of the institution asks you to facilitate human subjects research involving students, faculty or staff at UT Knoxville.

For example, the IRB would like to know if a researcher is interested in surveying your entire department and asks you for assistance in sharing information, including consent documents. A portion of the activities of the IRB would be to verify with their home institution that they have the proper approvals to move forward with their research activities on our campus. The IRB will also engage the department, college, or unit in the approval process.

**Resource Highlight:** Additional resources may be found under the help button in iMedRIS or on the resource page: [iMedRIS Resources](#). If you have any questions about your submissions please do not hesitate to call us at 865-974-7697.

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