

INTER-OFFICE MEMO
Institutional Review Board

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To: **All Concerned**


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Chair, MMC – IRB


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SUBJECT: Temporary Halt of IRB Operations and Re-scheduling of the January 19, 2021 Full Board Meeting in Preparation for the Upcoming PHREB and FERCAP Re-accreditation

Dear All,

The Makati Medical Center Institutional Review Board (MMC IRB) will be renewing its Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) Level 3 Accreditation and Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific (FERCAP) recognition this coming February 01-05, 2021.

In this regard, the following will be undertaken by MMC IRB in preparation for the upcoming re-accreditation:

- Temporary halting of regular operations starting on **January 25, 2021 to February 05, 2021**
- Re-scheduling of the January 19, 2021 IRB Full Board Meeting to **February 02, 2021**

**Note: All submissions originally decked for the January 19, 2021 meeting will be reviewed on February 02, 2021.*

Please expect delays in screening and acceptance of submissions, responses and requests during this period.

Regular MMC IRB operations shall resume on February 08, 2021.

Thank you very much.