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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** IRB and Research Staff of Institutions Enrolled in the CIRB Initiative

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**Subject:** Clarification of the CIRB's Assent Policy

### Description of Changes:

We have recently made an editorial change to the CIRB SOPs to clarify the age brackets for the assent policy. You may access the updated NCI CIRB SOP manual by clicking [here](http://www.ncicirb.org/CIRB_SOPs.pdf) ([http://www.ncicirb.org/CIRB\\_SOPs.pdf](http://www.ncicirb.org/CIRB_SOPs.pdf)).

### Listing of Changes:

NOTE: Bold text indicates additions. Strikethrough text indicates deletions.

1. Title Page: ~~This version replaces the previous version dated January 27, 2005.~~
2. Section 7: Date in the header
3. Section 7.3.2.3.3:

For children **under** 7 years of age ~~and younger~~, the formal assent of the child is not a necessary condition for participating in a research protocol.

4. Section 7.3.2.3.5:

~~Children older than age 7~~ **through 13** ~~and younger than 14~~ vary considerably in their development and cognitive capacity.