

Occupational Health Surveillance System

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# **Introduction and Overview**

The **Occupational Health Surveillance System (OHSS)** streamlines risk assessments and medical evaluations for employees and researchers exposed to workplace or laboratory hazards, including animal biohazards. Effective **November 1, 2024**, OHSS replaces the traditional Medical History Questionnaire (MHQ) process.

Accessing the system: Visit <a href="https://ehs.ucop.edu/ohss">https://ehs.ucop.edu/ohss</a>

#### **Browser Recommendations:**

- Recommended: Use Chrome for optimal performance.
- Alternatives: Internet Explorer (IE) or Firefox must be updated to the latest versions for the best results.

#### **UCR Net ID:**

A valid UCR NetID is necessary to access OHSS. This ID serves as the gateway for UC Riverside services.

#### Faculty and Staff:

NetIDs are created during hiring and triggered by UCPath Payroll System entries. Support: Contact **BearHelp** at **951-827-4848** or visit <a href="https://its.ucr.edu/support#gethelp">https://its.ucr.edu/support#gethelp</a>.

#### Students:

NetIDs are included in acceptance letters upon submission of the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

- o Support: Email <a href="mailto:helpdesk@student.ucr.edu">helpdesk@student.ucr.edu</a> or call 951-827-6495.
- Non-employees (e.g., volunteers):

Sponsoring departments facilitate NetID creation.

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### Workflow





#### Hazard Assessment

Principal Investigators (PI) creates the risk assessment for participant review





### Health Questionnaire

Participant completes confidential health questionnaire





#### Medical Assessment

Occupational Health Physician reviews risk assessment and health questionnaire and sends medical assessment to participant





## Review and Acknowledge

Participant reviews and acknowledges medical assessment



#### Roles:

# **Supervisor/ Principal Investigator (PI)**

At UCR, the PI oversees research involving animal use and ensures compliance with all regulatory standards.

- PIs monitor Risk Assessment statuses but do not access personal health information.
- PIs are critical in maintaining team safety, protocol adherence, and ethical standards.

# Participant (employees, researchers, lab workers, volunteers):

- Reviews and agrees/disagrees with the Risk Assessment.
- Completes the Health Questionnaire.
- Acknowledges the Medical Assessment.

# Medical/Admin (EH&S and UCI COEH Physicians):

- Develop medical assessments, consult, and determine participant clearance.
- Assign roles and oversee campus records.

# **Reviewer (EH&S Occupational Health Coordinator):**

- Tracks participant progress and follows up as needed.
- Provides referrals but does not access private health details.
- IACUC will be notified exclusively when individuals are cleared.

### **Navigating OHSS**

To get back to the home page, select OHSS from the header bar.



- All columns on the assessment pages are sortable
  - o Double-click the column header to sort the data.
- Hover over the to view informational/help text
- Hover over the letter next to the date to view the assessment's status.
- Red flags indicate items requiring immediate attention.





# **Checking Participant Status**

- Select All Assessments from the home page.
- Navigate between tabs: Incomplete, Completed, Archived, or No Exposures.
- Hover over the status code to see its meaning:

# All Assessments

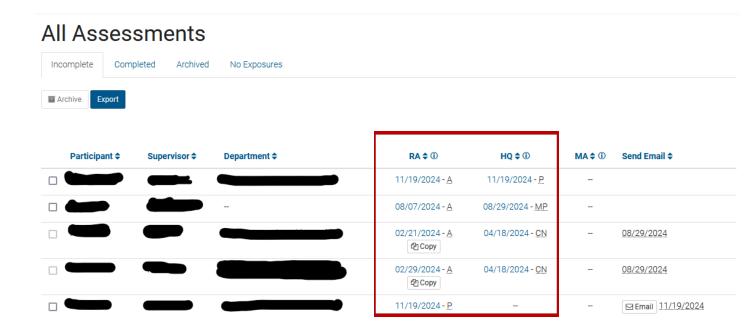
Incomplete

Completed

Archived

No Exposures





You can view each code definition by hovering over the letter to see the tool tip. Each code is listed in the

Status Code	Definition
Α	Agreed to by the participant
С	Complete
CA	Consultations Acknowledged by Participant
CN	Clarification needed
CR	Consultation required by Medical Provider
D	Disagreed to by the participant
P	Pending participant review
R	Participant not cleared for works