

# What's New in RAS

## June 2023 Release Notes

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### From the RAS Team

We've been listening to your amazing feedback and have made some changes to RAS. The new release will include fixes to persisting issues and will include new features as briefly described below. This release will be available June 2023.

All videos, FAQs and training documentation will be updated on the [RAS Webpage](#) once this new version is released.

If you have any questions regarding this release or would like to provide further feedback on future enhancements to RAS, please email us at [RAS\\_Support@umanitoba.ca](mailto:RAS_Support@umanitoba.ca).

## Release Notes

### Team Collaboration

We have introduced a new tab called Team Changes. When an application is moving between research members, each member will see changes to the application since the last time they saw it. This tab will appear when any application or follow-on submission is sent to another research team member listed. This also includes when you reassign to someone with Edit Access.

We have allowed for the Advisor to edit the application. We have removed the separate commenting function; these can be made within the form itself. With this new change we can now allow for multiple Advisors to be listed within the Researcher Personnel table on the application as well.

The Reassign function has been updated. Any application or follow-on submission can now be reassigned only to anyone that has Edit Access on that protocol. Once reassigned that user will then submit their changes back to the PI for review or they can reassign to another user with Edit Access. Please note, research personnel with Signature Authority will no longer appear in the reassign list.

### General Interface Updates

The font has been increased throughout the system.

We now have better transparency into the Human Ethics Office and where your application is at in the review process. You will now be able to see if your application is with the Chair or REB Member through the Lifecycle History View.

We increased the size of the save button at the top left-hand side of the screen and added a confirmation popup to ensure you saved your work.

### Email Changes

All email templates have been updated to include all Co-PIs and Advisors on the application.

You will now receive a confirmation email when you submit your Initial Application to the Human Ethics Office.

We updated the footer of all emails to include RAS Support hours of operation and contact information.

### New Update for Chair Review

When multiple REB members attach a suggested document on the same attachment, they will now be collected in your review in one place.

## Form Updates

We updated the UM RAS Access Policy text on the Research Personnel tab for better clarity on the sponsored account process for external research members.

We included new information text for other Canadian Institution projects under Research Personnel tab on who to include in the Personnel table.

## Other New Updates

The permanent protocol number (ex. HE2023-1234) is now generated as soon as the protocol is sent to the Human Ethics Office.

We added the ability to remove the PI and the person who initiated the protocol from the Research Personnel list. Once removed they will show up in a new tab called Past Personnel.

We added a new printing button once an application is sent to the office. No more waiting for the PDF to load with this option. The new link is now located in Lifecycle Event Manager > Details > View > Dashboard.