



New IRB Member Orientation

Part I: Overview



Topics to be covered

- Why are there IRBs?
- What is the IRBs job?
- What is the IRBs Mission Statement?
- What are the IRB Metrics?
- What is the Orientation Program for New Members?





Why Are there IRBs?

- **Protect the rights of human subjects participating in research.**
- **Research and therefore the advances that come from that research **CAN NOT** happen without human research subjects.**





IRB Overview

- **Protect human research subjects**
 - Ensure they are willing subjects
 - Ensure they know what they are agreeing to join,
 - Ensure they know they can withdraw without prejudice,
 - Ensure adherence to Belmont Principles
 - Ensure adherence Federal Regulations





IRB Mission Statement

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to expanding and disseminating knowledge for the benefit of the people of North Carolina and the world. An important part of that commitment to knowledge is research of the highest quality on all aspects of the health and behavior of people, and such research is only possible through the participation of humans as research subjects. Human subjects are partners and participants in research and a precious resource to the university. At UNC-Chapel Hill, human subjects research is a privilege, but not a right.



Association for the Accreditation of Human Protection Programs





IRB Office Basic Facts

- ~4500 active protocols/year
- ~9877 activity items/years
- 6 IRBs – 5 Non-Biomedical & 1 Biomedical
- 7 IRB Co-Chairs
- 9 IRB Coordinators
- 6 Office Assistants
- Plus 9 directors, administrative & computer support staff





IRB Member Orientation- 1st. IRB Meeting Attended

1. Observe meeting of the IRB you will join,

- Usually schedule this for the upcoming month
- Provides opportunity to meet new board and be introduced to them





2. Prior to your Second IRB Meeting

- Meet with the Training Coordinator on how to present IRB reviews
- Meet with IT about IRBIS





Orientation Topics Covered

1. Workflow of the Meeting
2. Meeting attendance and substitutes
3. Educational offerings
4. Deferrals
5. IRBIS



Meet the IRB Chairs & Staff

- IRB Staff Listing with phone numbers & email addresses can be accessed on the Office of Human Research Ethics's (OHRE)– IRB website at [IRB and Office of Human Research Ethics - UNC Research](#)

