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**5<sup>th</sup> Annual IRB Retreat**  
**February 19, 2020**

# Morning Agenda

Morning Time	Presentation	Speaker
7:15 -8:00	Registration	
8:00-8:20	Housekeeping	Charlotte Coley, MACT, CIP
8:20-8:30	Welcome	Andy Johns Senior Associate Vice Chancellor
8:30-8:50	State of the Office of Human Research Ethics	Cassandra Myers, CIP, Director Office for Human Research Ethics
8:50 – 9:50	Keynote	Debra Parrish, JD Parrish Law Offices
9:50-10:30	What is RIO's Role?	Eric T. Everett, Ph.D. Professor and Chair, Division of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences Professor, Division of Pediatric and Public Health Institutional Research Integrity Officer University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Associate Editor: European Journal of Oral Sciences
10:30-10:45	BREAK	
10:45 – 11:25	What Is OCT's Role? What is CTQA's Process?	Christine M. Nelson, R.N., B.S.N., MBA/HCM, CCRC, Director OCT Valerie Buchholz, RN, BSN, CCRC, CHRC, Associate Director for QA, OCT
11:25-12:00	Vignettes & Group Discussion	All Presenters



# Housekeeping

- WiFi: UNC Guest, NO password needed
- Restrooms just outside the meeting room
- Lunch in Willow Lounge
- Meet your colleagues from other IRBs
- Complete the Retreat evaluation sent to you following today's session.
- Continuing Education Certificate



# Welcome

**Andy Johns**

**Senior Associate Vice Chancellor**



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# Cassandra Myers, CIP

## Director

Cassandra (Cassie) Myers is the Director for the Office of Human Research Ethics at UNC-Chapel Hill. Myers has over 15 years' experience in IRB administration and healthcare; managing Institutional Review Boards (IRB), developing clinical guidelines, and leading process improvement efforts. Myers is a graduate of The University of Minnesota in Health Management with an emphasis in Biochemistry. She is also a Certified IRB Professional (CIP). Myers came to UNC in 2018 with a breadth of knowledge gained from several organizations in Minnesota, including; Mayo Clinic, ICSI (HealthPartners) and most recently Allina Health in Minneapolis, MN, where she was the IRB Manager.



# Office for Human Research Ethics 2020 Member Retreat

**Office for Human Research Ethics**  
Cassandra Myers, CIP



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# Topics of Discussion

1. Staffing of the OHRE and Organizational Structure
2. Recruitment of IRB Committee Members
3. Educational Opportunities
4. Educational Outreach
5. Metrics of IRB Activity
6. Refrigerator Opportunities
7. 2019 Achievement Highlights
8. IRBIS Updates



# Current OHRE Staffing

There are currently 23 staff members.

## New Hires:

Brittane Foy, Marie Grubbs, Alissa (Xuan) Ma, and Jason Zeller (Analysts)

## New Positions:

Kathy Seabolt-Senior Analyst

John Roberts- Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs & Compliance

Mike Matamoros- Associate Director, Operations & Education

Searches in Progress: 4 Analysts, 1 Compliance Analyst

Upcoming searches: Quality Manager and Reliance Manager

There are currently 7 staff members who are certified as IRB Professionals (CIP).

- Fall 2019 Session (Sara Phelan)

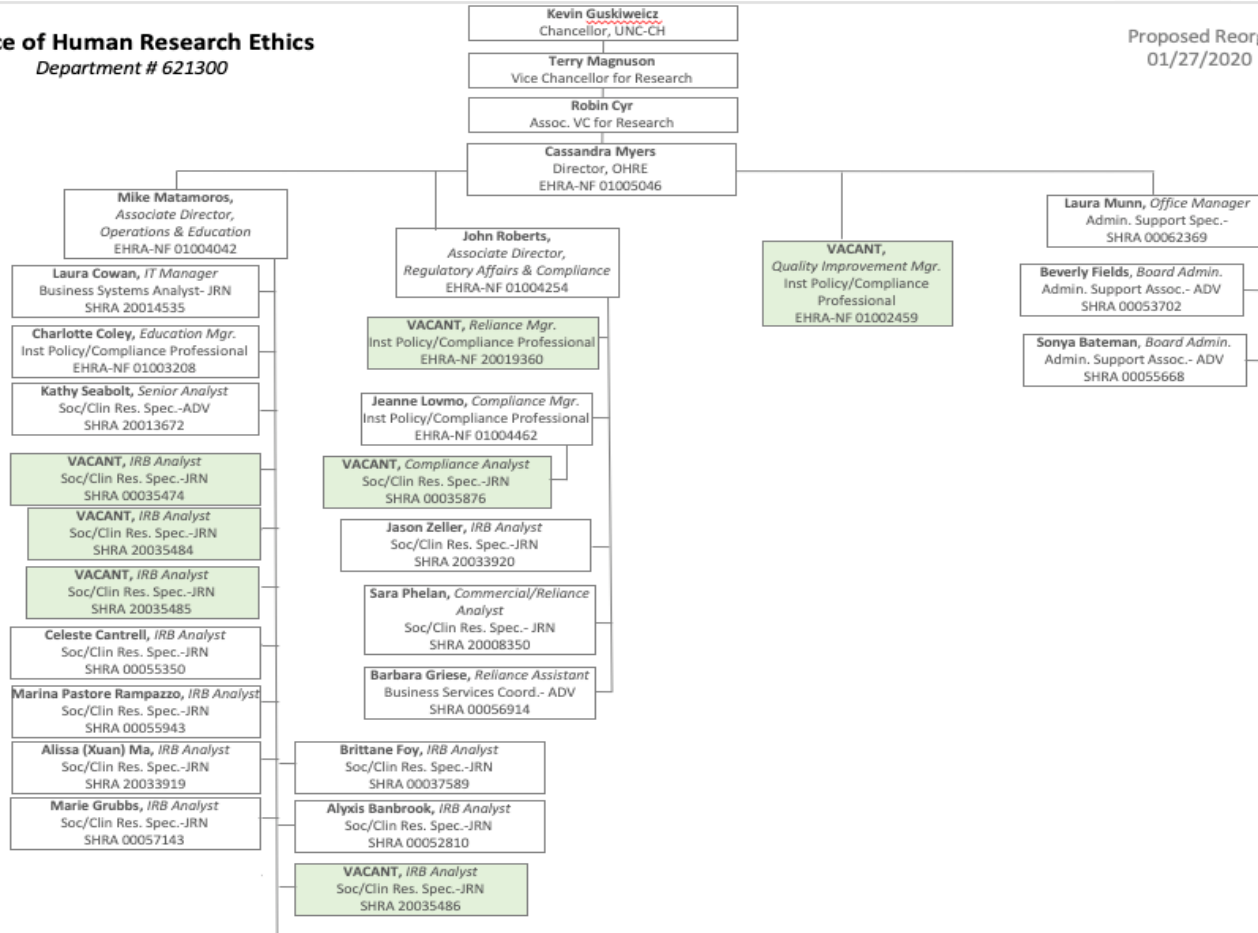




# Organizational Chart

## Office of Human Research Ethics Department # 621300

Proposed Reorg.  
01/27/2020





# IRB Members

- Continuing to add expertise across all committees
- Support from the OVCR's office to recruit new members through meetings with different schools and groups across campus
- Targeted focus on Nursing participation due to Magnet status
- Trained one new Chair- Dara Barnard, Pharm.D.
- Added 22 new members in the past year
  - Neurology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Nursing
  - Oncology
  - Psychology
  - Pharmacy
  - Social Work

\*If you know of anyone interested in joining please have them reach out to Cassandra Myers, OHRE Director at [Cassandra.myers@unc.edu](mailto:Cassandra.myers@unc.edu)



# Educational Opportunities

- Board Training at 72 Meetings
- Sent 3 staff to the 2019 national Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Conference (PRIM&R)
- Conducted Chair and Staff Training on Pediatric Risk/Benefit Analysis, including guest speaker (August 2019)
- Participated in numerous webinars from FDA, OHRP, PRIM&R, AAHRPP and others;
  - Planned Emergency Research
  - OHRP Privacy Workshop
  - Subject Injury Language



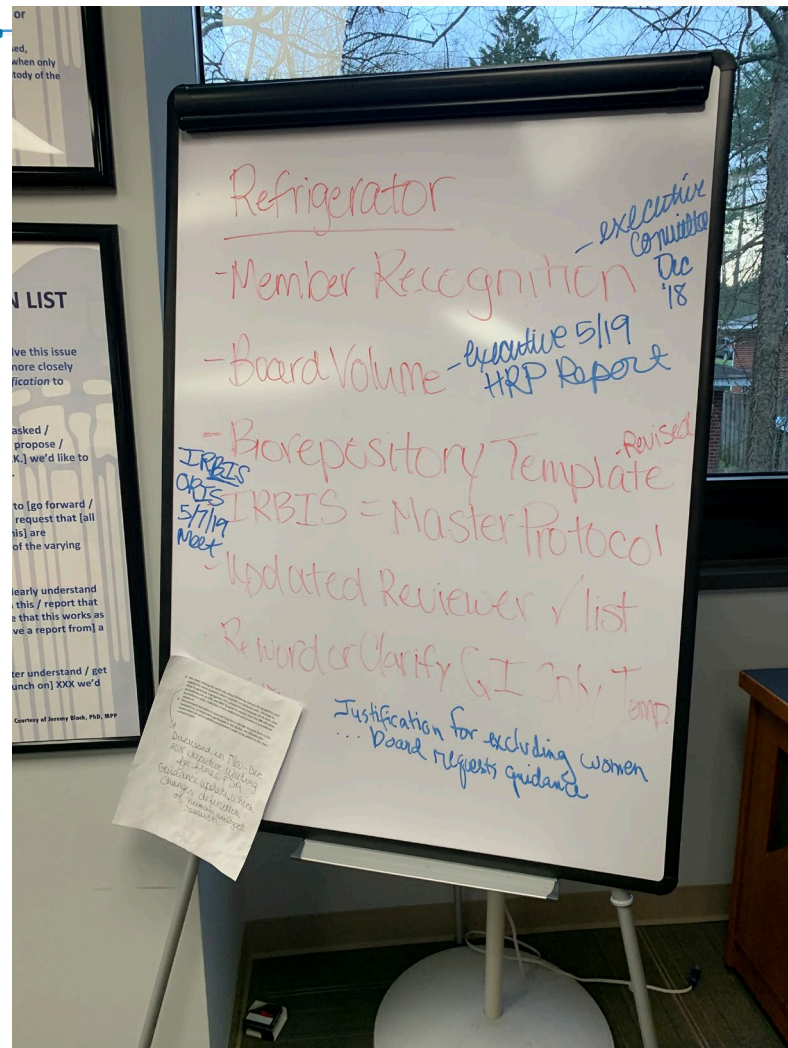
# Educational Outreach

- Presented on Campus Sessions (150% increase):
  - January 15, 2019 “Implementation of the New Common Rule”
  - February 21, 2019 ”Common Rule Update”
  - August 11, 2019 “OSR Symposium-UNC Commercial IRB Utilization”
  - August 27 and September 5, 2019 “UNC Commercial IRB Utilization and Expansion”
  - December 2, 2019 “Administrative Review Update”
- 37 ”Pop-up” sessions on campus with Analysts to provide JIT answers to questions
  - NCTraCS
  - Davis Library
  - CTRC
- Presented at both sessions of New Clinical Research Personnel
- 25+ Group, class and department requests for sessions, topics include:
  - IRB Basics
  - QI vs. Research
  - IRBIS demos



# Refrigerator

- Next to Items we worked on\*\*
- Time to clean out the fridge and start fresh:
  - You always need milk, butter and eggs



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## 2020 OHRE Projects

### 1. Transition to the Revised Common Rule

- Administrative Review
- Re-review of Studies
- New Guidance, SOP's, Algorithm Development, and Training (Board Members, Staff, and Research Community)\*\*

### 2. Commercial IRB for Multi-Site Industry Sponsored Protocols\*\*

- Currently working on integration with WIRB system
- Restructured Process and Documents
- Board Volume Reduction\*\*

### 3. Consent Templates Available Online\*\*

- Next step for bio-repository and other consent form updates



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## 2020 OHRE Projects

3. **Board Restructure\*\***
  - Removed Biomed/Non-Biomed Designation
  - Reviewed Safety items at each board meeting
  - Volume Reduction\*\*
    - Went from 21.6 on average to 18.2 items on the agenda
  - Added Additional Expertise
4. **OHRE Organizational Restructure**
  - Created Two New Positions:
    - Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs & Compliance
    - Associate Director, Operations & Education
  - Received Support for 5 additional positions by the OVCR
5. **Jump Start IRB Training for Staff**
  - 4 New Analysts
6. **OneNote/Internal Guidance**
  - Removed regulatory binders that were out of date for staff, one “electronic” gathering place



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## Common Rule Update

- On January 21, 2019:
  - Final revision went into effect.
  - 20 agencies have "signed on"
  - FDA has not harmonized at this time
- Largest Change Areas:
  - Exempt Categories
  - Consent Elements
  - Annual Renewal/Continuing Review
- 5027 previously approved studies have been re-reviewed:
  - Over 2400 studies given administrative review
  - 284 studies transitioned to exempt
  - 992 studies initial review were exempt



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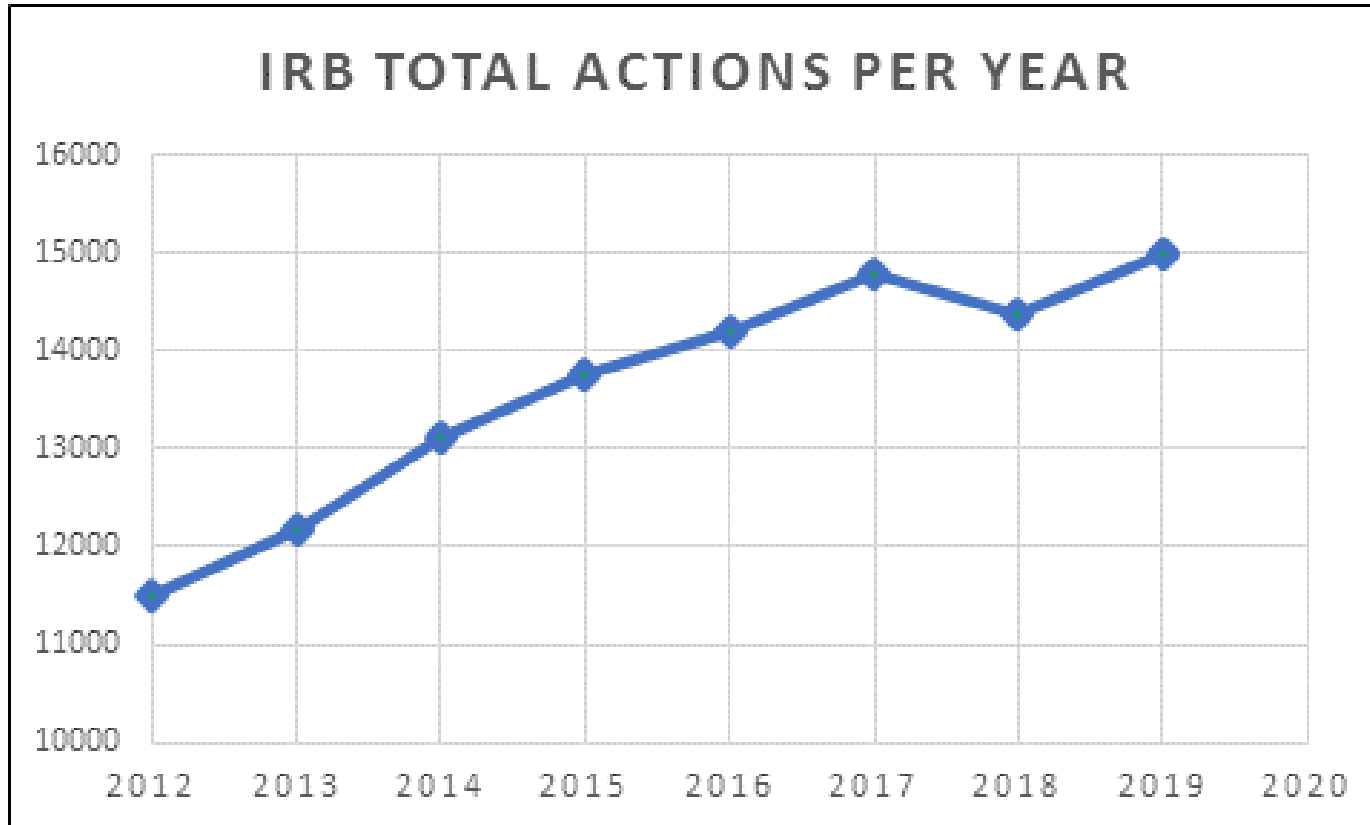
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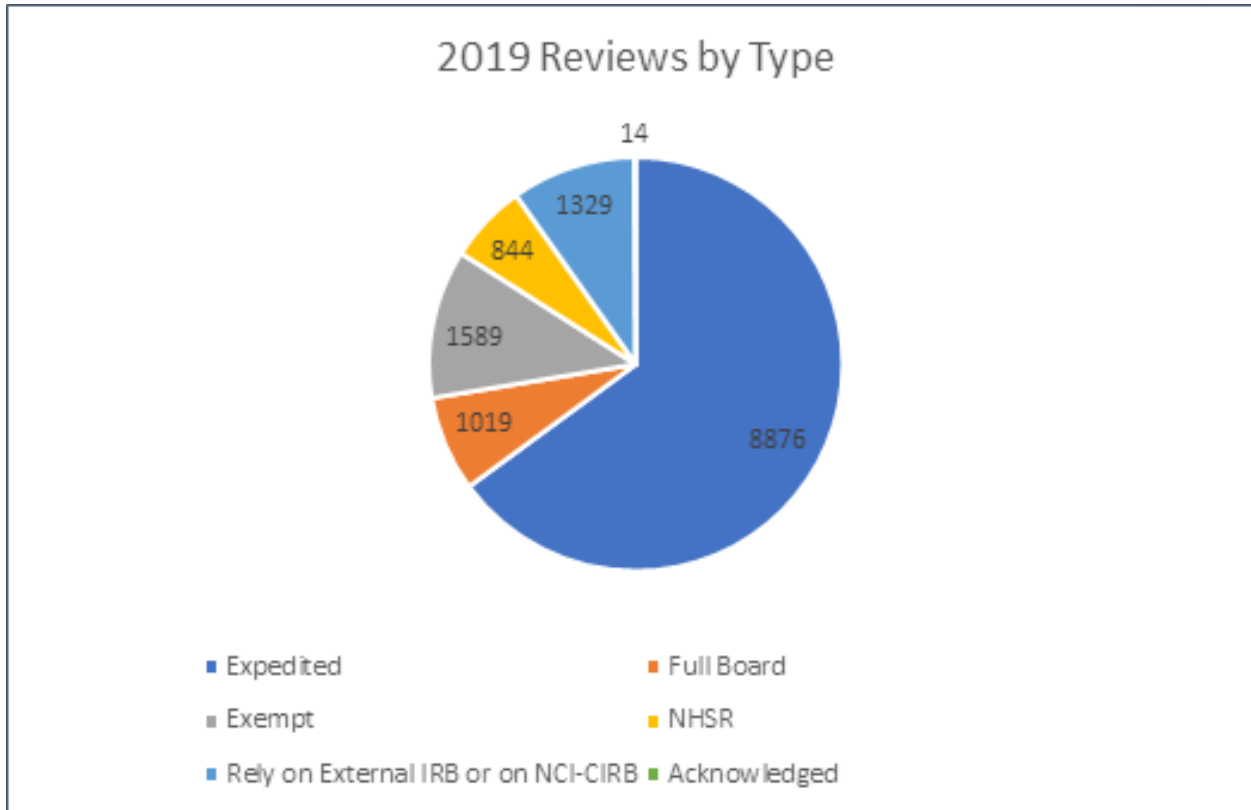


# Total Actions Per Year





# 2019 Reviews by Type



# IRBIS UPDATES



## Continuing Review Type- Completed 7/16/2019

- 1<sup>st</sup> step for several upcoming features:
  - “Study Type Specific Submissions” September 10, 2019
  - Administrative Review Q4 2019
  - Personnel Only Submissions Q4 2019
  - Reduced time looking for non-described modifications\*\*

### Create a Renewal

Use the choices below to begin the process of creating your Renewal.

<b>No Changes</b> I will not be making any changes to my study. <input type="button" value="Choose"/>	<b>Personnel Modification Only</b> I will be making changes to the project personnel. <input type="button" value="Choose"/>	<b>Study Modification</b> I will be making changes to my study. <input type="button" value="Choose"/>
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## Wrench – Completed 7/16/2019

- The “Wrench” feature will be very important for submissions going forward as additional updates are done.
- Allows for a submission change “type” (e.g., Renewal with no changes to personnel modification, or exempt to full submission)

IRB Number: [11-1050](#)    PI: [Laura Cowan](#)    Submission Type: Renewal (No Changes) 

Study Title: Demonstration Submission for Renewal Submission Types

Item List click on section name to expand

-  [Post Approval Submissions](#)
-  [Renewal Action Requested](#)
-  [Progress Report](#)
-  [Continuing with Renewals](#)
-  [Consent Forms](#)

>> **Progress Report** Reference ID: 248405

1. Number of Subjects involved through direct contact or use of their data (for



A. Total projected number as approved by IRB: \*

6  6  (Prior Response)

B. Total number of subjects included/enrolled to date (do NOT include 'screen

**Change Renewal Type** ✕

Use the choices below to revise your study.

<b>Personnel Modification Only</b> I will be making changes to the project personnel.	<b>Study Modification</b> I will be making changes to my study.
<input type="button" value="Choose"/> 	<input type="button" value="Choose"/> 



# Specific Submission Type-Completed 9/10/2019

## Reduced Swim lanes from 1.77 on average to 1.17

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**Dashboard**

**Create New Submission**

- [New Study](#)
- [Modification](#)
- [Renewal](#)
- [New Safety Information](#)
- [Closure](#)

**Submissions In Progress**

- [In Draft \(24\)](#)
- [Being Routed \(1\)](#)
- [Dept Waiting PI Response \(1\)](#)
- [Submitted to IRB \(1\)](#)
- [IRB Waiting PI Response \(1\)](#)

**All My Studies**

- [My Studies](#)
- [Studies in My Dept](#)

**Routing Inbox**

- [PI/Advisor Certification \(1\)](#)
- [Dept Approval](#)
- [Dept Reviewer](#)

**Create a New Study**

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Use the choices below to begin the process of creating your New Study. Several time saving options have been provided to help streamline the creation of your New Study.

JIT/118	NHSR	Exempt	Full Form	Multi-Site	Rely On
Just In Time / 118	My study does not constitute research involving human subjects.	My study should be evaluated for a possible exemption.	My study is not NHSR, Exempt, Multi-Site, or RelyOn.	With Full Form: My study has personnel, organizations, or locations in addition to UNC-Chapel Hill.	My study will have reliance on an external IRB.
<a href="#">Choose</a>	<a href="#">Choose</a>	<a href="#">Choose</a>	<a href="#">Choose</a>	<a href="#">Choose</a>	<a href="#">Choose</a>

**Exempt**

Some research involving human subjects may be eligible for an exemption which would result in fewer application and review requirements. This would not apply in a study that involves drugs or devices, involves greater than minimal risk, or involves medical procedures or deception or minors, except in limited circumstances.



# Rely On External IRB Submission types – 9/10/2019

## 50-60% Reduction in Questions

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**Dashboard**

**Create New Submission**

- ➔ [New Study](#)
- ➔ [Modification](#)
- ➔ [Renewal](#)
- ➔ [New Safety Information](#)
- ➔ [Closure](#)

**Submissions In Progress**

- ➔ [In Draft \(7\)](#)
- ➔ [Being Routed](#)
- ➔ [Dept Waiting PI Response](#)
- ➔ [Submitted to IRB](#)
- ➔ [IRB Waiting PI Response](#)

**All My Studies**

- ➔ [My Studies](#)
- ➔ [Studies in My Dept](#)

**Create a New Study**

**Create a New Study**

Use the choices below to begin the process of creating your New Study. Several time saving options have been provided to help streamline the creation of your New Study.

**Select Rely On Study Type**

Use the choices below to select your study.

<b>JIT/118</b> JIT/118: Just In Time/118, for NIH or federal funding opportunities only <a href="#">Choose</a> ?	<b>Rely On NCI CIRB</b> National Cancer Institute Central IRB (NCI CIRB) <a href="#">Choose</a> ?	<b>Rely On Commercial IRB</b> WIRB-Copernicus Group, Advarra and Sterling. <a href="#">Choose</a> ?	<b>Rely On Institutional IRB</b> Rely on another University or Use of Smart IRB or IREx. <a href="#">Choose</a> ?	<b>Rely On Collaborative IRB</b> Specific to the Carolina's Collaborative Agreement. <a href="#">Choose</a> ?
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UNC Chapel Hill to Rely on IRB.

National Cancer Institute Central IRB (NCI CIRB)

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# Analyst Assigned – Completed 01/29/2020

If analyst has been assigned

IRBIS Office of Human Research Ethics Logged in as Cassandra Myers

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IRB Number: [19-2696](#) PI: [Shaheen, Nicholas](#) Submission Type: Initial (Full Form) **Analyst: [Cantrell, Celeste](#)**

Study Title: Identification of Novel Genetic Risk Loci for Barrett's Esophagus and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma using [\[more...\]](#)

**Item List** click on section name to expand

- ✓ General Information
- ✓ [1. General Information](#)
- ✓ [2. Project Personnel](#)

**>> Application Status** Reference ID: 260771 [Online Submission FAQ](#) [Online Submission Guide](#)

Current Application:  Quick View (HTML)  PDF

Submission Status: Accepted for Review Created By: Yaa Ofori-Marfoh

As a reminder the OHRE reviews on a first-in first-out basis and to avoid a bottle neck we assign as an analyst is available.





# Next Steps- Personnel Only Modifications

- ➔ [Submit a Modification](#)
- ➔ [Submit a Renewal](#)
- ➔ [Submit New Safety Information](#)
- ➔ [Submit a Closure](#)

## Create a Modification

Use the choices below to begin the process of creating your Modification.

### Personnel Modification

Modify the Project Personnel Only

Choose



### Study Modification

Modify the Study

Choose



#### >> Personnel Modification

IRB Number:	<b>18-0441</b>	Study Status:	Approved	Admin Annual Review Date:	
PI:	Farahi, Narges	IRB:	Biomedical		
Sponsor:	Certified Nurse Midwives as Educators of Medical Residents				
Reference Id:	253289	Submission Status:	Unsubmitted		
Date Submitted:	Not Submitted	Date PI Certified:	Not Certified		

#### >> Personnel Modification Submission

To Modify your Project Personnel, either select from the following:

- "Edit" to revise a Project Personnel entry (IE: role, email address, phone number)
- "Remove" to delete a personnel from the study
- "Click to Add" options to add new personnel to your study

Once you are done, click "Submit Form" to submit your Personnel Modifications to Routing. Once the Principal Investigator and Faculty Advisor (where applicable) certify the Personnel Modification, it will be submitted to the IRB for review.

[Click to Add Internal Personnel](#) [Click to Add External Personnel](#)

Action	Full Name	Role	Department		
Revise	Sloane, Philip	Research Assistant	Family Medicine	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Undo</a>
Delete	Fennimore, Chuck	Research Assistant	Office of Research Information Systems	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Undo</a>

**\*\* Note: Assigning the ROLE of Principal Investigator to a new project personnel or revising project personnel within External Institutions will require modifying the Study in conjunction with the Personnel Modification form.**

#### >> Current Project Personnel

Liaison	Full Name	Role	Department		
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH)					
	Farahi, Narges	Principal Investigator	Family Medicine	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Fennimore, Chuck	Co-investigator	Office of Research Information Systems		
	Hannah, Marcus	Co-investigator	Office of Research Information Systems	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Hartman, Jeff	Co-investigator	Office of Research Information Systems	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Oat-Judge, Julia	Co-investigator	Family Medicine	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Slattery, John	Co-investigator	Office of Research Information Systems	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Sloane, Philip	Co-investigator	Family Medicine		
	Sibersack, Johanna	Study Coordinator	Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>
	Neylan, Elizabeth	Research Assistant	Medicine Administration - Commitments	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>

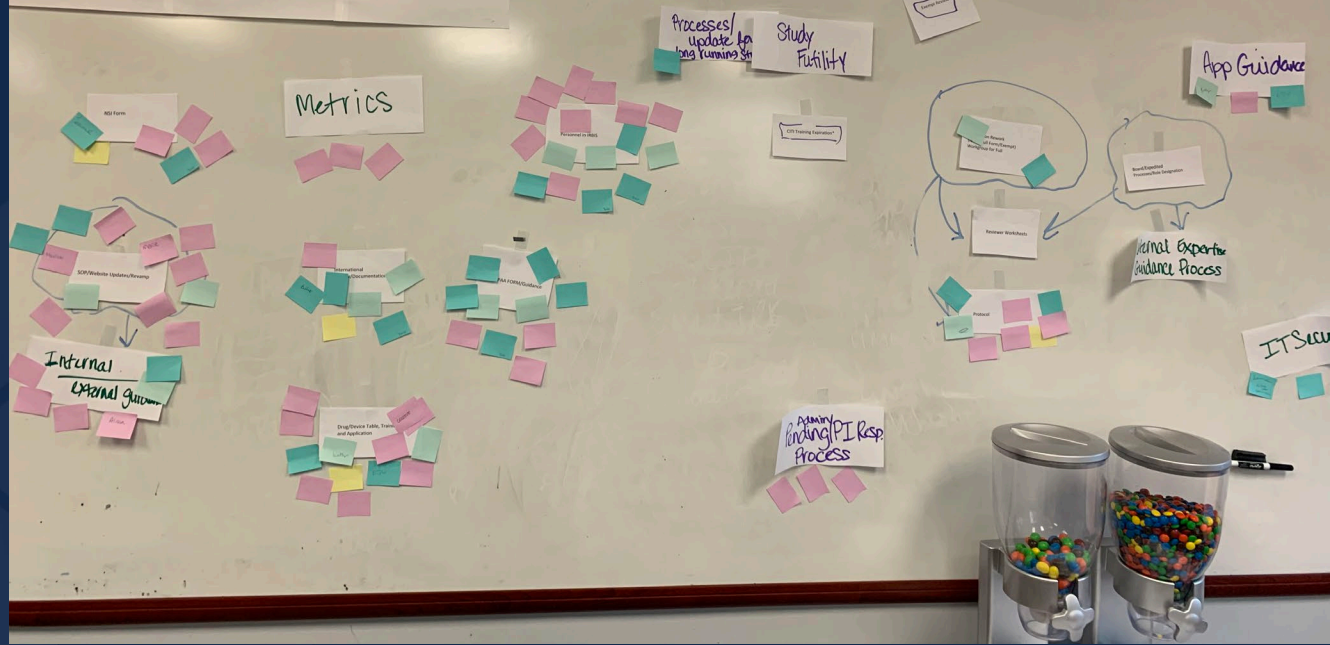


## Next Steps - Application Updates

- Similar to the Rely on External IRB applications where ~50% of questions were removed or pre-answered we will be going through the following application types in order to evaluate areas for improvement
  - 118/JIT (Winter/Spring 2020)
  - NHSR (Winter/Spring 2020)
  - Exempt (Summer 2020)
  - Full Form (Fall-Spring 2021)
    - Protocol based submissions

# 2020 and Beyond

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## 2020 Focus

- IRBIS Updates
  - Further reduction of application as appropriate
  - Protocol based application\*\*
  - Submission Specific Guidance for Common Stips
- Biospecimen and Script Consent Template Revision\*\*
- Further Develop Guidance Documents for Board Review
- Conduct additional sessions on campus
- Drug/Device Table, Guidance, and Education
- NSI Forms



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# Debbie Parrish, JD

## Parrish Law Offices

Parrish Law Offices is among the top law firms in the United States handling research integrity and misconduct matters. Debra Parrish began handling cases involving research misconduct in 1989, worked with the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Research Integrity, and has handled numerous cases since returning to private practice.

Her firm has counseled regional, national, & multi-national companies, educational & research institutions, as well as individual scientists and journal editors and publishers. They have been involved in more than 100 cases of research misconduct, including numerous high-profile cases.

Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Spring 2016

J.D., Duke University School of Law

B.S.E., Biomedical Engineering, Duke University

M.P.H., Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (expected 2021)



# Research Integrity and the IRB

*Debra Parrish*  
*February 19, 2020*



# Overview

- Ethical Frameworks
- History of How We Got Here
  - Human Subjects
  - Research Integrity
  - Conflicts of Interest
  - Responsible Conduct of Research
- Cases

# Ethical Framework for RCR

- Values – what is good
- Morals – right from wrong
- Ethics – morals in action
  - Not religion, not feelings, not laws, not culturally accepted norms
- Laws – norms formally promulgated by a political system and enforced through adjudication

# Ethical Standards

- Utilitarian – provides the most good and does the least harm – Dr. Spock
- Rights – moral rights – based on human dignity -to make life choices, be told the truth, not be harmed, privacy, etc.
- Fairness/Justice – treat equals equally
- Common good – community approach – police, fire, education, etc.
- Virtue – actions should be consistent with fully evolved human condition – honesty, courage, compassion, generosity, tolerance, fidelity, integrity, fairness, self-control, prudence

# Ethical Decision-making

- Could this hurt someone? Is there a good/bad alternative?
- Who has an interest?
- What are my options?
- Evaluate under standards – which option:
  - produces the most good (Utilitarian)
  - Respects the rights of all (Rights)
  - Treats people equally (Justice)
  - Best serves the community (Common Good)
  - Causes me to be the person I want to be (Virtue)

# Human Subjects

- WWII
- Declaration of Helsinki
- Human Subject Regulations
- OHRP

# Of Mice and Congressmen



# US Developmental Events

- 1988/1989 NSF/OSI
- 1992 Office of Research Integrity
- 2000 White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- 2002 NSF/ORI issues new regulations
- 2005 ORI issues new regulations
- 2010 FDA proposes misconduct regulations

# Current US Definition

- Research misconduct means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing , performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.
- (a) Fabrication is making up data or results and recording or reporting them.
- (b) Falsification is manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.
- (c) Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.
- (d) Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.



# Which Definition?

- Institutional
- Agency
- Federal
- Professional
- Journals
- International

# RCR

- Human subject, animal welfare, lab practices
- COI – personal, professional, financial
- Mentor/mentee relationships
- Collaborative research including industry
- Peer review
- Data management, acquisition, sharing,
- Research misconduct
- Authorship and publication
- Member of society

# Misconduct in Clinical Trials

- Approximately 1/5- 72 cases
- Falsification/fabrication of interview data
- Falsification/fabrication of patient's medical record
- Falsification/fabrication research records
- Failure to follow protocol
- Falsification/fabrication of consent form
- Substitution of specimen

# Accusers

- Co-workers
- Replacement scientist
- Study monitors
  
- PI responsibility
  - Captain of ship
  - King and Lowe (negligence, lack of supervision, inadequate assignment of authority)

# Parallel Processes

- Internal – Priv. Termination
- Administrative
  - FDA
  - ORI
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal

# Consequences of a Misconduct Finding

- Notice in Federal Register
- Advisory Committee
- Debarment
- Correction of Literature
- Recovery of Funds
- Publicity
- Institutional Sanctions
- FDA/OHRP/ORI
- Congressional inquiry
- Professional license
- Civil litigation

# Illustrative Legal Cases

- Fisher - lumpectomy
- Potti - cancer
- Wakefield – MMR
- Kornak – VA case
- Chinese Transplants
- Fals-Stewart

# Eric Everett, PhD

## UNC Institutional Research Integrity Officer

- Dr. Everett serves as the University liaison to the federal Office of Research Integrity. His responsibilities include evaluating allegations of research misconduct, protecting the rights of complainants and whistleblowers, and providing guidance and support regarding inquiries into misconduct allegations. He is a professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.
- Everett earned his M.S. in clinical immunology from the University of Florida College of Medicine, before attending the Medical University of South Carolina for his Ph.D. in molecular cell biology and pathobiology. Following that, Dr. Everett did his postdoctoral work in hematopoiesis and medical genetics at the Indiana University School of Medicine. After spending eight years on the Indiana University faculty, Everett joined the UNC School of Dentistry faculty.
- His research interests include the identification of genes and pathways in the embryonic and postnatal development of craniofacial, oral and dental structures.





# “Misconduct in Research: What is the RIO’s Role”

**Eric T. Everett, Ph.D.**

**Professor and Chair, Division of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences**

**Professor Division of Pediatric and Public Health**

**UNC Adams School of Dentistry**

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**IRB Responsibilities for Review & Management of Non-Compliance**



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# Where the rubber meets the road

“The scientific enterprise is built on a **foundation of trust**. Society trusts that scientific research results are an honest and accurate reflection of a researcher’s work. Researchers equally trust that their colleagues have gathered data carefully, have used appropriate analytic and statistical techniques, have reported their results accurately, and have treated the work of other researchers with respect.”



## The University's Position

“Public trust in the integrity and ethical behavior of scholars must be maintained if research is to continue to play its proper role in our University and society. It is the policy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (hereinafter “University”) that its research be carried out with the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **Policy and Procedures on Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct**  
<http://policies.unc.edu/files/2014/10/Research-Misconduct.pdf>

It is the responsibility of **all members of the research community** (faculty, students, trainees, postdocs, visiting scholars, technicians and others conducting research at the University) to demonstrate research integrity. The University's policy applies to all **research regardless of funding.**

# Institutional Responsibility

- Research misconduct involving PHS support is contrary to the interests of the PHS and the Federal government and to the health and safety of the public, to the integrity of research, and to the conservation of public funds.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and institutions that apply for or receive Public Health Service (PHS) support for biomedical or behavioral research, biomedical or behavioral research training, or activities related to that research or research training share responsibility for the integrity of the research process.

# Responsibility and Confidentiality

- Obligation to report concern for possible research misconduct.
  - Report concern to
    - department head (chair)
    - directly to the Research Integrity Officer (RIO) or
    - through a reporting channel i.e. EthicsPoint (anonymous) ([https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report\\_company.asp](https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report_company.asp) ).
- Research misconduct reviews are confidential personnel matters.
- Protection of individuals involved in research misconduct proceedings. Whistleblower protection (PHS) and the University's Retaliation Policy  
(<http://sexualassaultanddiscriminationpolicy.unc.edu/prohibited-conduct/retaliation/and> <http://policies.unc.edu/policies/research-misconduct/> )



# Federal Register

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Tuesday,  
May 17, 2005

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Part III

**Department of  
Health and Human  
Services**

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42 CFR Parts 50 and 93  
Public Health Service Policies on  
Research Misconduct; Final Rule

## Sec 93.103 Research Misconduct

Research misconduct means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.

When research is supported by the Public Health Service (PHS), National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE) and other Federal Agencies the University complies with special reporting requirements found in PHS Policies on Research Misconduct – 42 CFR Part 93 and NSF regulations at 45 CFR 689.

- Fabrication is making up data or results and recording or reporting them.
- Falsification is manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.
- Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.
- Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

- **The regulation's purpose is to:**
  - Protect the public health and safety
  - To protect the integrity of the scientific research and the research record
  - Conserve public funds
  - Define the responsibilities of the “covered institutions”
  - Define the steps/process for handling allegations of research misconduct
  - Assure notification of ORI of exigent circumstances



- **§ 93.318 Notifying ORI of special circumstances:**
  - a) Health or safety of the public is at risk, including an immediate need to protect human or animal subjects.
  - (b) HHS resources or interests are threatened.
  - (c) Research activities should be suspended.
  - (d) There is reasonable indication of possible violations of civil or criminal law.
  - (e) Federal action is required to protect the interests of those involved in the research misconduct proceeding.
  - (f) The research institution believes the research misconduct proceeding may be made public prematurely so that HHS may take appropriate steps to safeguard evidence and protect the rights of those involved.
  - (g) The research community or public should be informed.

Current Status: *Active*

PolicyStat ID: 4512713



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The safety of all clinical trial participants is paramount to NHLBI. NHLBI will honor its commitment to CONCERT-HF participants and continue the follow-up protocol during this pause for all participants who have already been treated in the study. Participants are being notified of the status of the trial and how to request additional information.

The CONCERT-HF trial seeks to determine whether c-kit+ cells, either alone or in combination with mesenchymal stem cells derived from the bone marrow, are safe and benefit patients with chronic heart failure, who have very limited treatment options. Despite significant medical and surgical advances, patients with heart failure continue to experience a low quality of life and about half of them will die within five years of receiving a diagnosis.

The scientific basis of CONCERT-HF is supported by a body of evidence in several preclinical models in a number of studies in a variety of laboratories and was reviewed by a Protocol Review Committee (PRC) independent of the trial. The cell therapies that CONCERT-HF is testing are under an investigational new drug (IND) designation which is overseen by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The cells are produced by an accredited laboratory independent of the clinical sites. In addition, as part of standard oversight of clinical trials, the DSMB routinely reviews and monitors CONCERT-HF to ensure participant safety and that the study continues to ask compelling scientific questions with implications for patient care.

The DSMB's review will be conducted as expeditiously as possible and will inform NHLBI's future actions that will ensure the highest standards of participant safety and scientific integrity. Part of the National Institutes of Health, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) plans, conducts, and supports research related to the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart, blood vessel, lung, and blood diseases; and sleep disorders. The Institute also administers national health education campaigns on women and heart disease, healthy weight for children, and other topics. NHLBI press releases and other materials are available online at <<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>>.

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The CONCERT-HF trial launched in 2015 sought to determine whether cardiac stem cells, either alone or in combination with mesenchymal stem cells derived from the bone marrow, are safe and benefit patients with chronic heart failure. The study was designed as randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled phase II trial to enroll 144 participants from seven centers around the country.

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Following additional review of the literature it was determined that the trial could continue with the participants currently enrolled (November 2018 and February 2019).

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# Harvard and the Brigham call for more than 30 retractions of cardiac stem cell research

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# § 93.223 Research Misconduct Proceeding: Administrative & Confidential Personnel Matter)



## “Complainant”

- Journals
- Anonymous
- Proximal to accused (i.e., in lab, collaborator)
- Received from ORI
- Retraction Watch

## “Respondent”

- Anyone performing, proposing, reporting
- Can be multiple respondents in a given matter
- All levels of appointment can and have been respondents

## Office of Research Integrity

- Jurisdiction over PHS funded work
- Informed when review reaches Investigation
- Waits for institutional finding before own review

## § 93.223 Research Misconduct Proceeding: Administrative & Confidential Personnel Matter)



### “Allegation”

(1) falls within the definition of research misconduct in this Policy and applicable federal regulations, including, as applicable 42 C.F.R. § 93.103 and other federal agency guidance, and (2) is sufficiently credible and specific so that potential evidence of research misconduct may be identified. An Inquiry will be conducted if both of these criteria are met.

### “Inquiry”

conduct an initial review of the available evidence to determine whether an Investigation is warranted. An Investigation is warranted if: (1) there is a reasonable basis for concluding that the allegation falls within the definition of research misconduct in this Policy and (2) preliminary information-gathering and preliminary fact-finding from the Inquiry indicate that the allegation may have substance.



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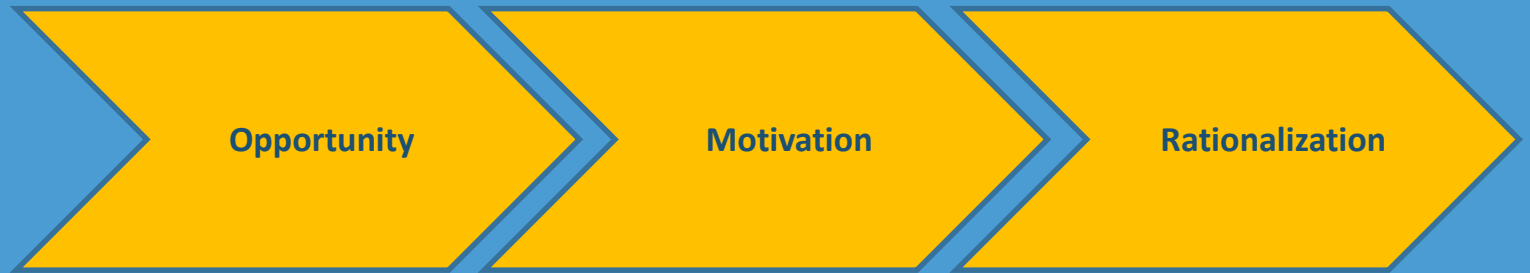


### “Investigation”

Means the formal development of a factual record and the examination of that record leading to a decision not to make a finding of research misconduct or to a recommendation for a finding of research misconduct which may include a recommendation for other appropriate actions, including administrative actions.

A finding of research misconduct requires that—

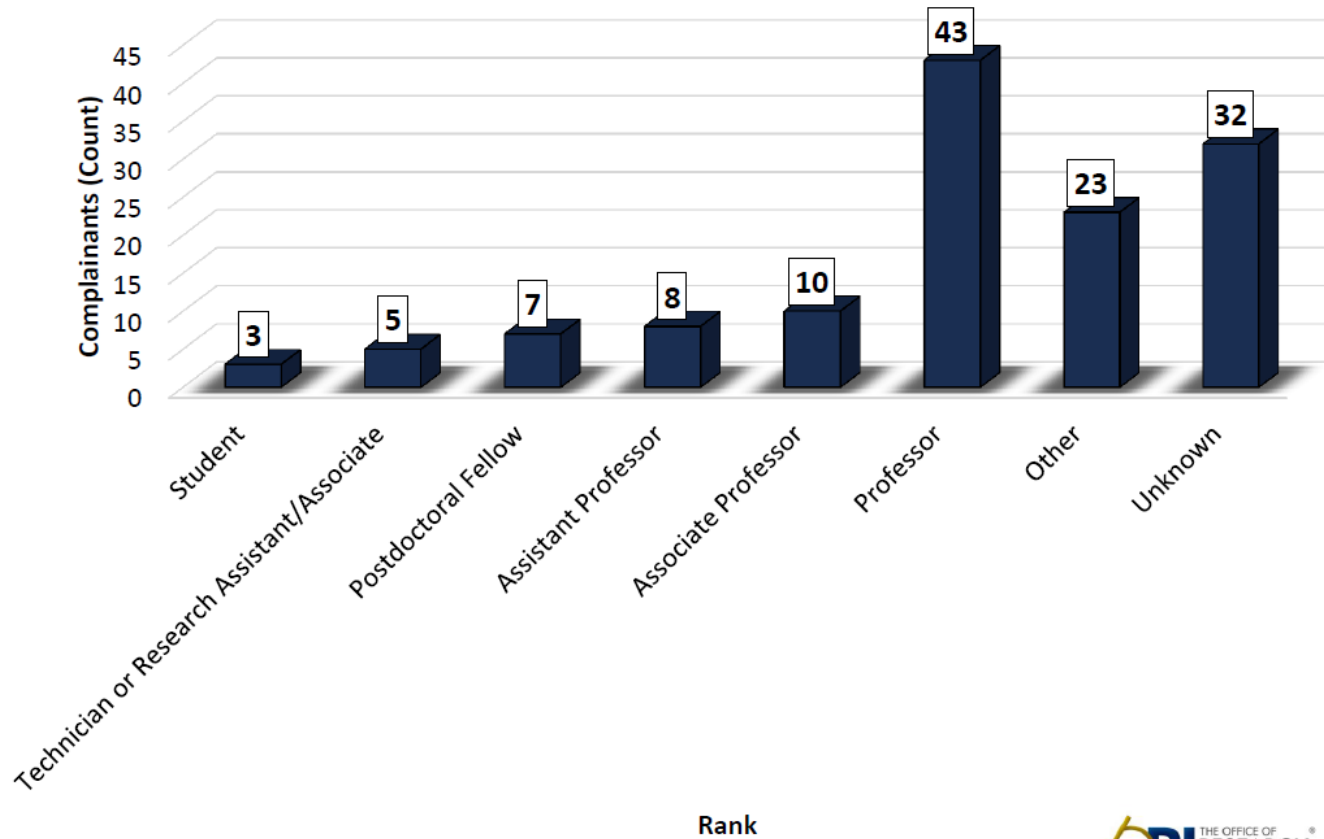
- (a) There be a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community; and
- (b) The misconduct be committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and
- (c) The allegation be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.



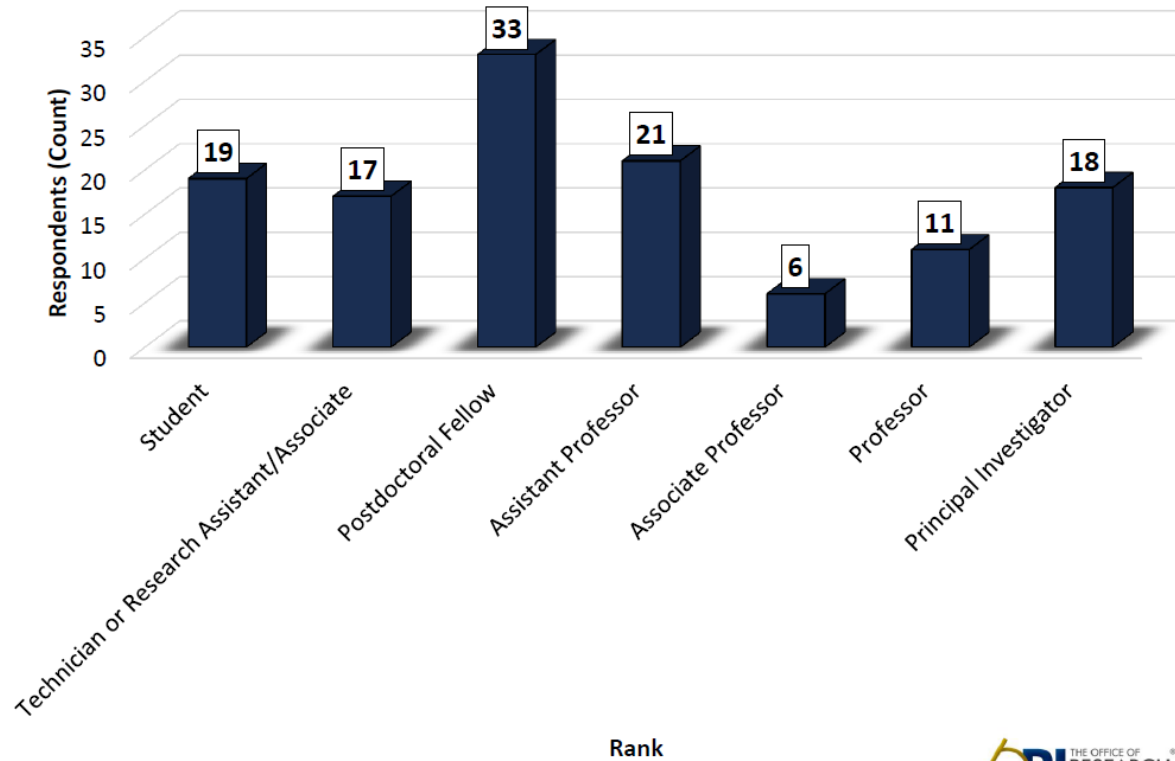
#### Research Misconduct:

- can be committed by any member of the research team
- may occur at any stage of the research

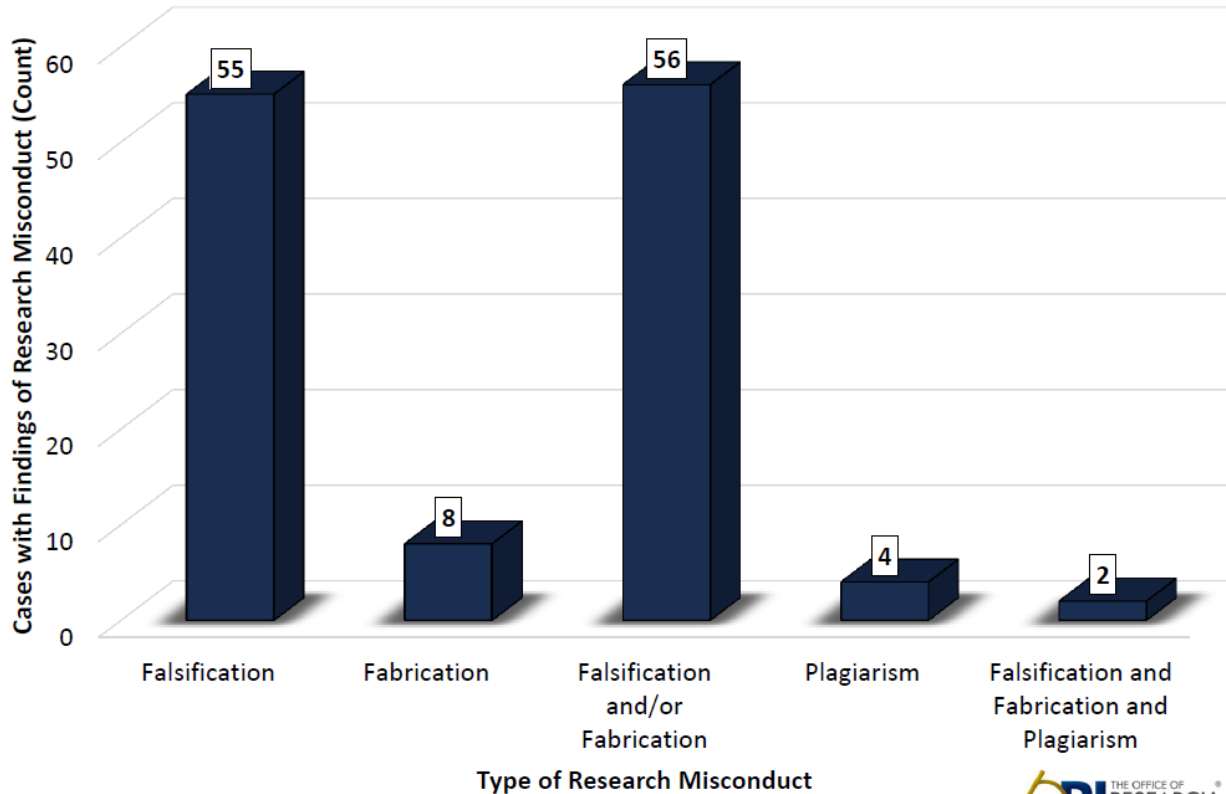
## Rank of Complainants in Cases with Findings of Research Misconduct, 2006 - 2015



## Rank of Respondents in Cases with Findings of Research Misconduct, 2006 - 2015



## Types of Misconduct in Cases with Findings of Research Misconduct, 2006 - 2015





ORI - The Office of Research Integrity » Research Misconduct » Case Summaries

### Case Summaries

This page contains cases in which administrative actions were imposed due to findings of research misconduct. The list only includes those who CURRENTLY have an imposed administrative actions against them. It does NOT include the names of individuals whose administrative actions periods have expired.

#### 2019

- Case Summary: Agrawal, Rahul
- Case Summary: Cruikshank, William W.
- Case Summary: Fox, Edward J.
- Case Summary: Malhotra, Deepti
- Case Summary: Potts Kant, Erin N.
- Case Summary: Yakkanti, Sudhakar

#### 2018

- Case Summary: Baughman, Brandi M.
- Case Summary: Elqutub, Maria Cristina Miron
- Case Summary: Kadam, Rajendra
- Case Summary: Kreipke, Christian
- Case Summary: Murthy, Krishna H.M.
- Case Summary: Narayanan, Bhagavathi
- Case Summary: Ramadugu, Venkata Sudheer Kumar
- Case Summary: Santhanam, Srikanth
- Case Summary: Sen, Shiladitya
- Case Summary: Skau, Colleen T.
- Case Summary: Srivastava, Rakesh

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- Sep-17 8 Research on Research Integrity Grants Awarded
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serve as guarantor of the work you performed, had full access to all the data for the work you performed, and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis.



# UNC-CH

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# 15-Minute Break

**10:30 – 10:45 AM**



# Christine M. Nelson RN, BSN, MBA, CCRC

## Director, Office of Clinical Trials

Chris has been at UNC just under 6 and ½ years. She came to Chapel Hill from Hawaii working at the largest healthcare system in the state and partnering with the University of Hawaii. Chris' background is ER, trauma and flight nursing. She began her career in research when asked if she would be willing to take on the Research Institute at Hawaii Pacific Health. As you can imagine it was a big change from the emergency room as she had no real background in research.

While at UNC she has had the opportunity to roll out the Clinical Trials Quality Assurance and billing Compliance programs. Christine is committed to improving research processes within UNC and by her retirement hopes to tear down as many silos as possible.



# Office of Clinical Trials



Christine Nelson, Director Office of Clinical Trials

# Office of Clinical Trials

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The core purpose of the Office of Clinical Trials (OCT) to ensure compliance with federal, state and institutional requirements.

- Serving as the point of contact for questions or issues related to clinical trials
- Developing and implementing programs and initiatives to enhance the quality of clinical research and support regulatory compliance, through the implementation of the OnCore clinical trials management system enterprise wide.
- Our office is available for education, consultation and guidance on the conduct of clinical trials.

# Human Subjects Research Protection Program

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Supporting the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) by conducting post IRB approval of clinical studies through the Clinical Trials Quality Assurance (CTQA) program.

FY 2019:

**Total - 56**

Routine review – 11

Requested reviews – 4

Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (LCCC) Data Safety Monitoring plan reviews – 25

LCCC Multisite when UNC/LCCC is the coordinating site – 16

# Research Billing Compliance

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Ensure correct clinical trial billing of research subjects through the Research Billing Compliance Program.

- Education
- Billing audits
- Billing Coverage Analysis



# Clinical Research Billing

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## Routine audits completed

# protocols - 14

- ▣ # subjects - 220

## Special projects audits completed

- ▣ # protocols - 14
- ▣ # subjects-

# ClinicalTrials.gov

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## Ensure compliance with the ClinicalTrials.gov registration and results reporting

- DHHS regulation and NIH policy affecting registration and results reporting for clinical trials became effective on January 18, 2017. The DHHS regulation, known as the Final Rule, describes requirements for registering and submitting summary results information for certain Applicable Clinical Trials to ClinicalTrials.gov. A complementary NIH policy applies to all clinical trials funded by NIH, regardless of whether they are subject to the Final Rule
- Possible non-compliance consequences include the following if required registration and results reporting cannot be verified:
  - ❑ Suspension, termination, or retraction of grant (or contract) funding;
  - ❑ Consideration of the non-compliance in future funding decisions;
  - ❑ Civil monetary penalties to the “Responsible Party” (i.e., Principal Investigator) of up to \$12,000/day.

# Scientific Review Committee

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Coordinate the Scientific Review Committee and serve as a resource for protocol development for the research community

- All clinical research conducted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill involving **greater than minimal risk** must undergo scientific review. Scientific review is a process that evaluates the scientific merit of a clinical trial protocol. The review must be completed and approved by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) or Oncology Protocol Review Committee prior to IRB submission.
- The Protocol Review Committee conducts scientific review of all oncology trials

# Compliance Checks

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- Good Clinical Practices training
- Completed coverage analysis
- IRB approval
- Fully executed agreement
- Ensure compliance by reviewing the billing coverage analysis, fully executed agreement and IRB approved consent form for congruency and accuracy

# Compliance Checks

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FY 2019

Using the contract management system (ALICE) compliance with GCP training, IRB approval, completion of the billing coverage analysis (BCA), COI is confirmed and consistency between the clinical trial agreement, IRB approved informed consent and BCA on all industry sponsored clinical trials is confirmed prior to being forwarded to the Office of Sponsored Research for account set up.

## Compliance Reviews:

Number of BCA new submissions reviewed - 245

BCAs finalized - 260

# More numbers

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## Regulatory Inspections

The CTQA team assists investigators and study teams with FDA, DEA and Sponsor audits. Upon notification of an audit the CTQA work with the investigator and team by reviewing study documents, providing education on interaction with inspectors/auditors.

Number of FDA inspections supported:

FY 2019 - 3

FY 2018 - 3

Number of DEA inspections supported:

FY 2019 – 0

FY 2018 - 1

## ClinicalTrials.gov

OCT has **one** dedicated staff member monitoring ClinicalTrials.gov, reaching out to investigators before results are due and assisting with the complicated task of results reporting in the CT.gov system. She also assists investigators in responding to questions from CT.gov.

OCT is **100%** compliant with results reporting in ClinicalTrials.gov

# Subject Injury Language

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As of April 2018 the UNC has approved standard subject injury language for our ICFs.

- The Industry Contracting team in OSR is required to obtain certain subject injury language in the CTA with industry sponsors, this is based on the MOU in place with the UNC HC system
- Language can be slightly modified to maintain congruency between the CTA and ICF.
- Language is modified for PI initiated and Federally or non-profit funded clinical trials
- The “official” letter approving the SIL is generated by OCT. Saved on a shared drive.

# Additional services/projects

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Assisting when a subject injury  
does occur

CRO and Sponsor Liaison

Single Submission project

Protocol Builder

Payments to study subjects

Consultation

Educational Activities

Operational Excellence

CRSO planning

CTMS – OnCore

Rate Cards

REDCap Cloud

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Questions?

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**Valorie A. Buchholz**  
**RN, BSN, CCRC, CHRC**

**Associate Director for Quality Assurance**  
**Office of Clinical Trials**



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# Clinical Trial Quality Assurance Program (CTQA)

Valorie Buchholz

Associate Director, CTQA Program



# CTQA

- Program development began January, 2014
- Designed to support investigators in ensuring research is conducted in accordance with federal, state, and institutional regulations
- Goal: to review 10-15% clinical trials each year



First Routine Review: November  
2014

First Directed Review: October 2014



	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Routine	3	43	39	37
Directed (For Cause)	12	10	4	2
External Inspections (FDA, DEA, Other Countries)	2	2	6	3



# Which regulations inform our review process?

- 45CFR46
- 45CFR164
- 21CFR50
- 21CFR312
- 21CFR812
- ICH GCP – E6(R2) - includes biomedical as well as social/behavioral research
- OHRE SOPs
- Other regulations as applicable



# Selection Criteria for Routine Reviews

(not exhaustive)

- Investigators holding an IND/IDE inclusive of those who are the PI when UNC holds the IND/IDE
- Studies which are open to enrollment or have subjects still undergoing intervention
- Phase 1 studies
- High enrollment
- Vulnerable Populations
- Studies which have multiple NSI reports
- Federally funded studies without external monitoring
- Studies with significant number of protocol deviations





# Reports

Observation Category	# of Observations
1-Subject Accountability	
2-Informed Consent	
3-Site Regulatory Administration	
4-Staff Qualifications	
5-Protocol Compliance	
6-Subjects Records	
7-Data Management	
8-Documentation Practices	
9-Subject Protection and Adverse Events	
10-Investigational Product	
11-Facilities and Equipment	
12- Other Area(s) Observations	
13- Clinical Trials Disclosure (CTD)	
TOTAL	



# Example

## 1. Informed Consent/Assent/HIPAA Forms

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Telephone Screening/Oral Consent information used prior to IRB approval</b>	
	<b>Description:</b>	Questions related to whether subjects had history of [REDACTED] were asked of 4 parents prior to IRB approval of that question on the telephone screening script. Information on the Oral Consent regarding an email link to non-parent providers and the ability of the study team to contact those non-parent providers was provided to the parents. (See attached tables – Telephone Screening used before IRB approval – update included [REDACTED] question <b>AND</b> Oral Consent. Information highlighted in yellow on the tables).
	<b>Regulatory Reference:</b>	45CFR46; ICH GCP 4.8.2; OHRE SOP 701
	<b>Rationale:</b>	Represents a major deviation from or deficiency in compliance with applicable regulations, guidelines, protocol, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and/or policies.
	<b>CAPA Plan:</b>	Please submit this finding to the IRB as a new safety information (NSI) report. Per IRB procedures, NSI reports must be submitted within 7 calendar days of becoming aware of the event. <b>Please submit the CAPA plan directly to the IRB with this NSI report.</b>



# Routine Review Report Distribution

Division Chief (if applicable)

Department Chair

Research Compliance Officer

Office of University Counsel – Research Liaison

OHRE Director

OHRE QI/QA Manager

OCT Director

(If SOM PI – Director, Compliance and Research Integrity)



# Directed Reviews

Studies reviewed in response to a directive by:

- Institutional Official
- OHRE Director/IRB Chairs



# Directed Review Report Distribution

Dependent on Office requesting the review

PI does not receive a copy from the reviewers

- reviewers will discuss findings with PI





Questions?





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# Vignettes & Group Discussion



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# Lunch in Willow Lounge

**12:00 – 1:00PM**

