

7. To limit or avoid interruptions during the meeting (i.e., checking email, responding to pages and calls, or performing other professional activities, if possible).

IRB Member Responsibilities

1. All members are expected to review the materials for each agenda item before each meeting, to participate fully in the review of each proposed project.
2. All expedited reviews are expected to be completed within five (5) business days from being assigned a submission, or ten (10) business days if a secondary review is needed
 - a. For minimal risk projects assigned to a designated reviewer, and the submission qualifies for expedited review, the reviews should be completed within ten (10) business days.
3. IRB members will treat the research projects including the eBridge Smartform, protocols, and supporting data documents confidentially.
 - a. If applicable, all paper copies of the research documents and supporting data are returned to the IRB staff at the conclusion of the review for professional document destruction.

Primary Reviewer

1. The MCW IRB utilizes a Primary Reviewer system for review of all IRB submissions under review. The Primary Reviewers responsibilities include:
 - x Read and become familiar with the entire project submission including the eBridge Smart Form, consent form(s), protocol, data collections sheets, Investigator Brochure, and all documents that are submitted for IRB review
 - x Understand and explain the project's procedures, risks, benefits, etc. to the IRB Committee utilizing the appropriate reviewer checklist
 - x Contact the Investigator and/or project team prior to the IRB Committee meeting or completion of review to answer questions or clarify areas of concern.
 - o If for any reason the Primary Reviewer does not want to contact the Investigator and/or project team, they may request that the IRB Coordinator II (C2) or the IRB Chair make contact on their behalf.
 - x Complete the appropriate reviewer checklist and any additional checklists as

- x Focus the review around the consent process, the recruitment methods. This includes reviewing the proposed consent form(s) and recruitment materials.
- x Contact the Primary Reviewer, Investigator, and/or project team prior to the IRB Committee meeting or completion of review to answer questions or clarify areas of concern.
 - o If for any reason the Secondary Reviewer does not want to contact the Investigator and/or project team, they should request that the Primary Reviewer, IRB C2 or the IRB Chair to make contact on their behalf.
- x Complete the appropriate reviewer checklist and upload to eBridge
- x Review the submission against the applicable regulations for approval
- x Document questions or concerns for discussion
- x Document any proposed modifications
- x Be prepared to make a motion

Review of Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Over the course of a meeting, all IRB members should:
 - x Evaluate each project application, amendment, reportable event, continuing progress review or 6-Year Renewal in light of the federal regulations criteria for approval (45 CFR 46.111 and/or 21 CFR 56.111) and to not approve any submission unless all these criteria (at minimum) are satisfied.
 - x Determine the potential risks, benefits, and risk-benefit ratio for each project, amendment, reportable event, or continuing progress review in accordance with federal regulations and institutional policies and procedures.
 - x Determine whether the Investigator has proposed a “safety monitoring plan” that is adequate and commensurate with the level of risk posed by each project, as it begins, is changed, and is periodically reviewed.
 - x Recommend an approval period commensurate with the risk/benefit ratio of the project being reviewed, never to exceed 1 year.
 - x Ask the IRB Chair, the IRB staff, or the HRPP office for guidance on governing regulations and institutional policies whenever relevant.
 - x Ask the IRB Chair to seek legal guidance from the MCW General Counsel or Risk Management, as relevant.
 - x Ask the IRB Chair for expert medical or scientific consultation as needed in accordance with *IRB Member SOP: Assigning Reviewers and the Use of Consultants*.
 - x Ask the IRB Chair to request that the Investigator or the Investigator’s staff attend the IRB meeting to answer questions or discuss issues, as relevant.

REFERENCES:

45 CFR 46.111
21 CFR 56.111

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

IRB Member SOP: Conflicts of Interest – IRB Committee Members

IRB Member SOP: Assigning Reviewers and the Use of Consultants

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