



Geisinger

## **Geisinger IRB Membership -Session #1**

### **Introduction to IRB & IRB Membership**

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# Objectives

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# What is 'HRPP'?

## Human Research Protection Program

- seeks to assure the rights and welfare of human subjects participating in research and
- promote excellence in all aspects of human subjects research.

## Geisinger's Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)

Using AAHRPP Model: Three Domains:

I. Institution: Includes all offices which establish a relationship with the research participant:

- ✦ Grants
- ✦ Contracts
- ✦ Office of Research Compliance – Financial Conflict of Interest
- ✦ Research Finance

II. IRB Committee

III. Investigators and Study Teams



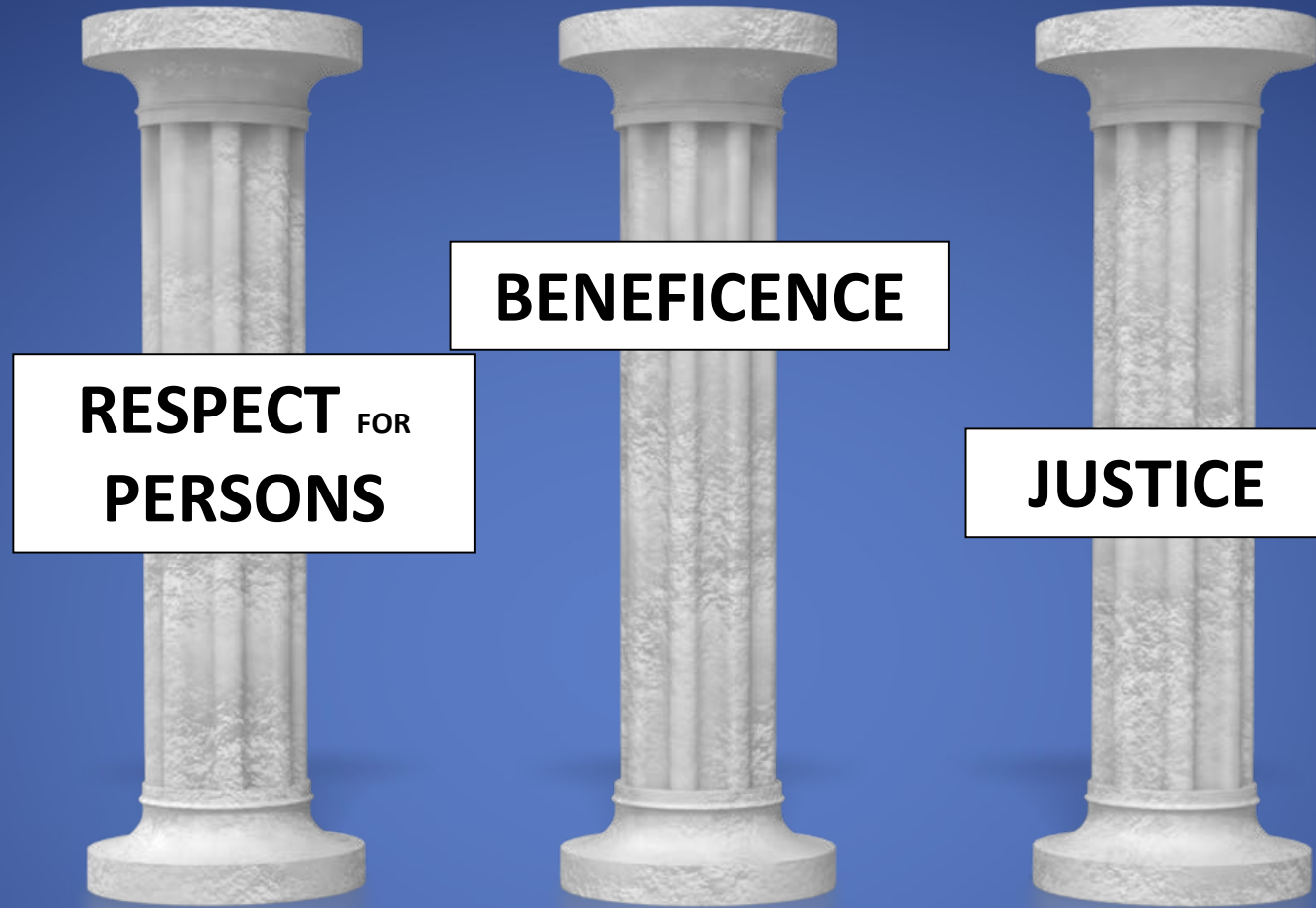
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## ***IRB Role § 45CFR46***

- Health & Human Services (HHS) mandates Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversight of research involving human subjects
- Performs ethical review of all proposed & ongoing **research** ensuring the **protection** of the rights, welfare and safety of **human subjects**
- GHS Research Privacy Board – HIPAA determinations



*... eventually referred to as principles*

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TITLE 45 (PUBLIC WELFARE)  
CODE OF FED REGULATIONS

PART 46 PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

PRINCIPLES

APPLICATIONS

Respect for  
persons

- Informed consent
  - Information
  - Comprehension
  - Voluntariness

46.116 General requirements for informed consent

46.117 Documentation of informed consent

Beneficence

- Risk/benefit assessment
  - Nature and scope of risks and benefits

46.111 (a) (1) Risks are minimized

46.111(a) (2) Risks are reasonable in relation to benefits

46.111(a)(6) safety monitoring

46.111(a)(7) Privacy & confidentiality protections

Justice

Selection of subjects

46.111 (a) (3) Equitable selection of subjects

46.111 (b) additional safeguards for vulnerable

Subpart B: Pregnant Women, Fetuses, Neonates

Subpart C: Prisoners

Subpart D: Children

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## ***IRB Membership § 45CFR46.107***

Must have at least five voting members

- Varying backgrounds
- Review type of research conducted at institution

Must be sufficiently qualified

- Experience and expertise
- Diversity of the members – gender, profession

Must be able to determine if proposed research is approvable

- Applicable laws & regulations
- Institutional requirements
- Standards of professional conduct and practice

## ***IRB Membership § 45CFR46.107***

Include individuals with knowledge and experience working with vulnerable populations

- Children
- Pregnant women
- Handicapped or mentally disabled persons
- Prisoners\*

Consultant (ad hoc)

- Invite individuals with competence in special areas to assist in the review of issues which require expertise beyond or in addition to that available on the IRB
- Non-voting

## ***IRB Membership § 45CFR46.107***

Must include:

- At least one scientific member, and
- At least one non-scientific member

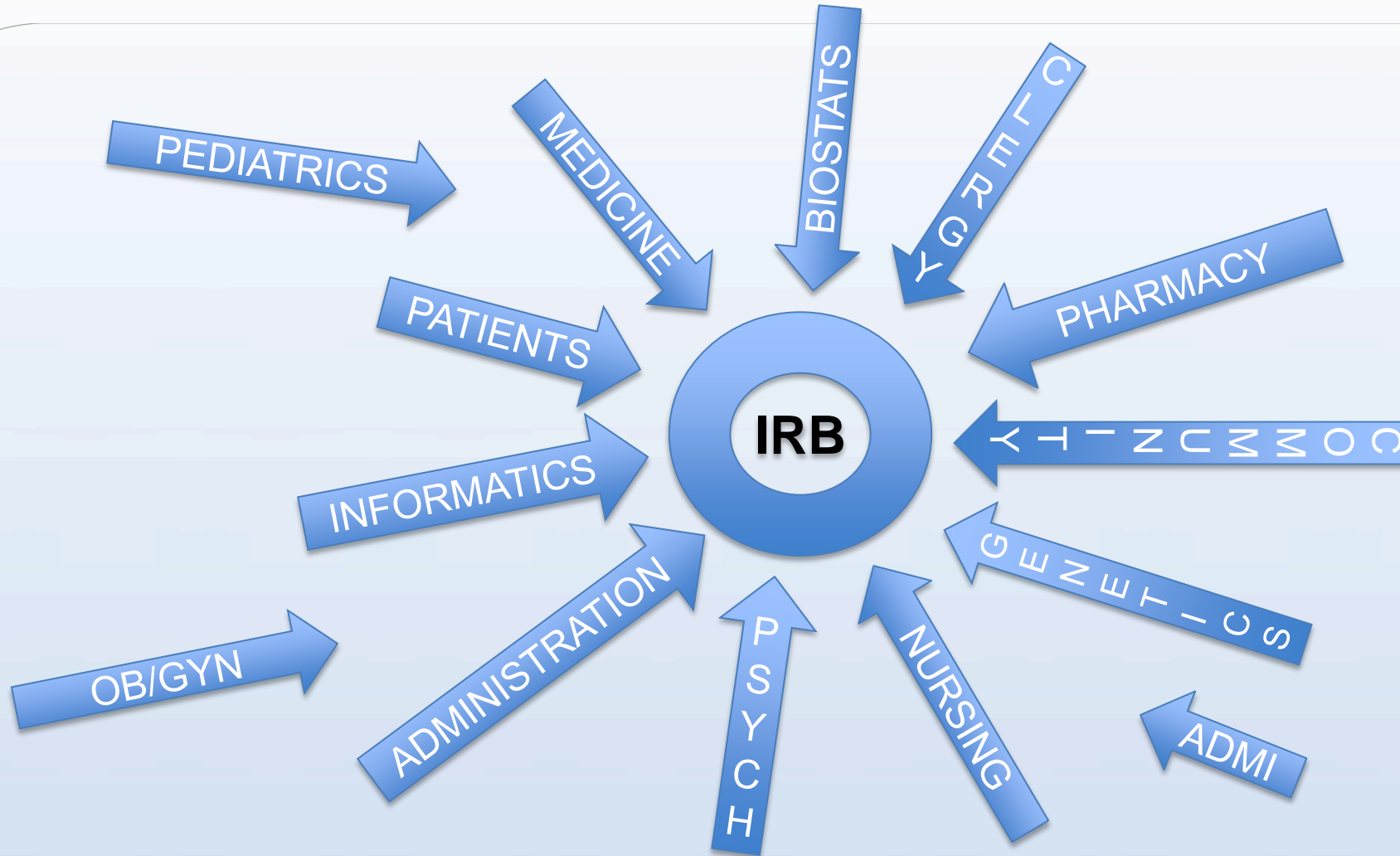
Must include at least one community member:

- Not affiliated with the institution or immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution

Conflict of interest

- If an IRB member has a conflicting interest in a research project, s/he cannot review or participate in vote

# Geisinger IRB Demographics









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# Member Responsibilities

Meeting attendance – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 2:30

- ✓ Quorum
- ✓ Alternates

Submission reviews

- ✓ Primary review - meeting
- ✓ Secondary review – meeting
- ✓ Expedite review – 3-5 business days

Communication with IRB staff

- ✓ Conflicts of interest
- ✓ Availability – expedite & meeting
- ✓ Questions for investigator – before meeting

# Member Responsibilities

## Confidentiality

## Conflict of Interest

- ✓ Annual disclosure

## Research Education – CITI – every 3 years

- ✓ Human Subjects Protection
- ✓ Responsible Conduct of Research
- ✓ Good Clinical Practice

## IRB Training

- ✓ Quarterly
- ✓ IRB meetings

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# Geisinger IRB Review

## Preparatory to Research (PTR)

- Email submission to IRB (bkent@geisinger.edu)
- IRB Office review – rolling review

## Research Determination (RDW)

- Email submission to IRB (bkent@geisinger.edu)
- IRB Office review – rolling review

# Geisinger IRB Review

## Initial IRB Review & HIPAA Determination

### Exempt Review

- iRIS submission
- IRB Member review – rolling review

### Expedite Review

- iRIS submission
- IRB Member review – rolling review

### Convened Review

- iRIS submission
- Primary & Secondary Member Review
- IRB Committee review – meets 1st and 3rd Thursday each month

# Ongoing IRB Review of Research

## Reporting Requirements

- ✓ Continuing Review
- ✓ Amendments/Modifications
- ✓ Key Study Personnel (KSP) Amendments
- ✓ Prompt Report – UPs, Significant Protocol Deviations, HIPAA Disclosures)
- ✓ Final Report
- ✓ Emergency Use

# Institutional Requirements

Must be completed & submitted to IRB with study application (as applicable):

- ✓ Research Education requirements
- ✓ Research Financial Conflict of Interest requirements
- ✓ Principal Investigator requirements
- ✓ MCA & Billing Determination
- ✓ Investigational Pharmacy
- ✓ Radiation Safety Committee
- ✓ Information Security Office (ISO)
- ✓ Nurse Research Council (nurse researchers)
- ✓ MyCode Governing Board (use of MyCode data/samples)
- ✓ Geisinger Health Plan Proposal (use of GHP data)



# Geisinger IRB Review Process

1. Submission Triage – IRB Office
  - ✓ Research Education
  - ✓ Conflict of Interest
  - ✓ Completeness
2. Submission Pre-Review – IRB Office
3. Assignment / member notification – IRB Office
4. Submission Review – IRB Member
5. Communication with researchers/staff – IRB Office
6. Outcome letter – IRB Office
7. Documentation of review outcome in iRIS – IRB Office

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**Human Research Protection Program  
&  
IRB Resources**

## Human Research Protection Program



Geisinger's Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), integrates the activities and functions of Geisinger Institutional Review Board (IRB), Office of Research Compliance (ORC), Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP), and other review units through oversight, education and quality assurance activities, including program administration. The HRPP seeks to assure the rights and welfare of research participants and promote excellence in all aspects of human subjects research.

Geisinger's HRPP has been successful in obtaining accreditation by the [Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs \(AAHRPP\)](#). Geisinger Health System was awarded the status of full accreditation for a three-year period, effective March 2016. This important achievement reflects Geisinger's commitment to protecting the rights and welfare of research participants.

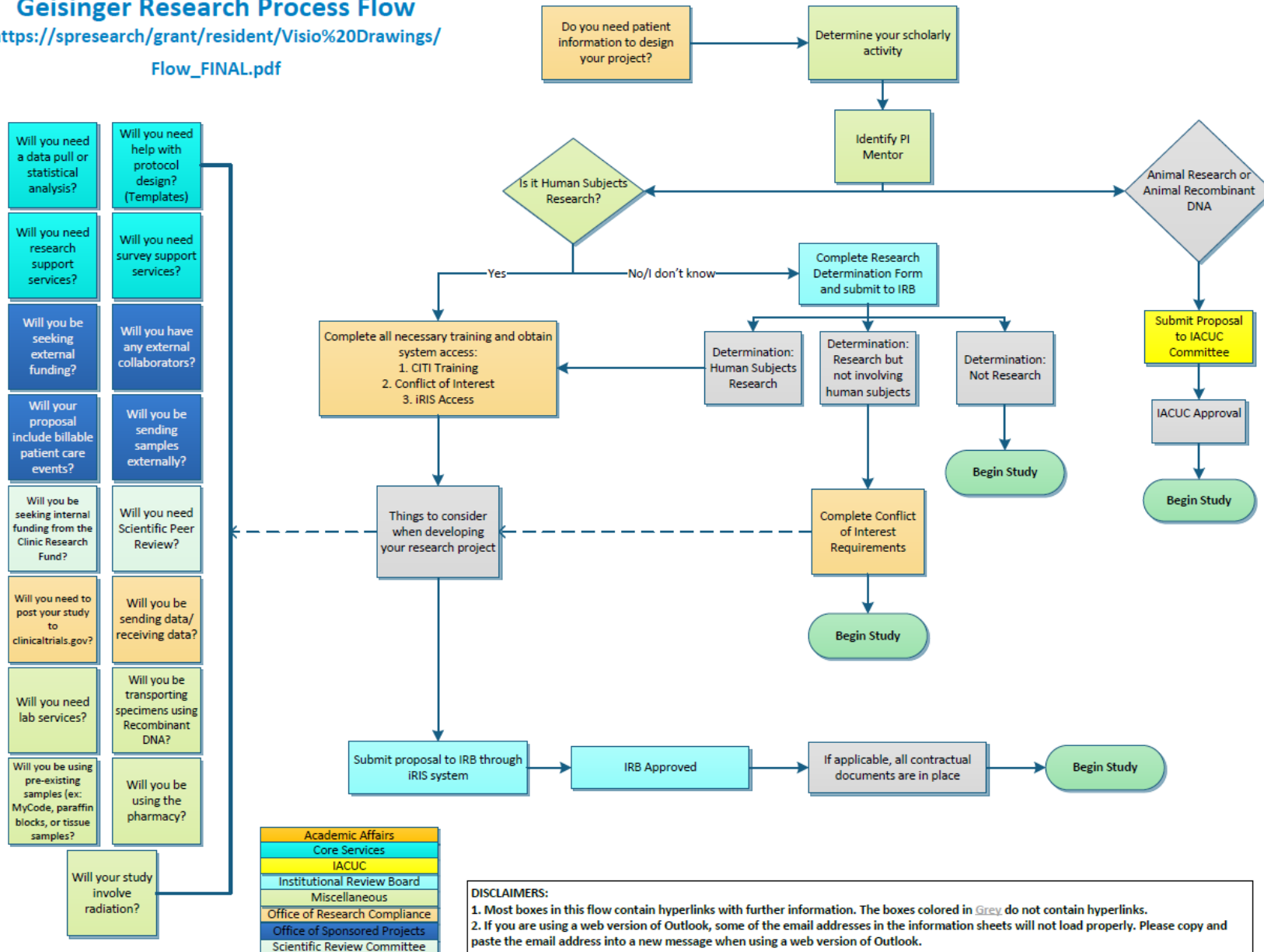
Conflict of Interest / Education / Training	IRB Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Study Staff IRB Requirements</a></li> <li><a href="#">Conflict of Interest – COI</a></li> <li><a href="#">Human Research Education CITI</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">IRB Fees</a></li> <li><a href="#">IRB 2016 &amp; 2017 Submission Deadlines and Meeting Dates</a></li> <li><a href="#">Staff listing</a></li> </ul>
Applying to the IRB via iRIS	Guides to Initiate Your Research
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Click here to access iRIS</a></li> <li><a href="#">iRIS Site Access Request Form</a></li> <li><a href="#">IRB submission checklist</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Geisinger Research Process Flow</a></li> <li><a href="#">Geisinger's Research Process Presentations</a></li> </ul>

# HRPP Webpage

# Geisinger Research Process Flow

## Geisinger Research Process Flow

[https://spresearch/grant/resident/Visio%20Drawings/Flow\\_FINAL.pdf](https://spresearch/grant/resident/Visio%20Drawings/Flow_FINAL.pdf)



# Geisinger IRB Information

NAME:	Geisinger Institutional Review Board
IRB REGISTRATION #:	00008345
INSTITUTION:	Geisinger Clinic
FWA ASSURANCE:	FWA00000063
ACCREDITATION:	Geisinger Health System is accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP)
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