

It's an Important Responsibility!

We want members who are interested in the ethical review of research to protect human subjects. Having a large pool of alternate members will help us meet quorum requirements when regular members are unable to attend. More people participating in the IRB process will provide a group of individuals aware of the federal regulations and ethical requirements for research. IRB training and participation may also help those involved in research by increasing awareness of human subject protection issues and federal regulatory requirements.

Having dedicated and diverse IRB members allows Ochsner to be a stronger research institution by having a broader based IRB that can adapt to changing needs while ensuring the protection of human subjects in research.

Each panel has nine voting members, and a long list of alternates that may substitute at the meetings if one of the regular panel members is unable to attend. You may be asked to join as a regular or an alternate member, based on availability and panel membership needs. As an alternate you are not required to attend meetings regularly but on an as-needed basis.



Training and Education

All IRB members (including alternates) must complete a core educational program prior to serving on the IRB. The core training consists of training in Federal Regulations and Board Operating Procedures. Regulatory training provides the basic foundation for protecting human subjects in research, and includes FDA Regulations, HHS Regulations, the differences between them, the historical background to the Federal Regulations and the Belmont Report.

Continuing IRB Education

Board training seminars are held twice a year (usually in March and September). These are often two-hour supper meetings with topics focused on relevant issues related to human research subject protection. All members must complete the two-hour education program every six months to continue membership. For those who cannot attend the continuing education training, the IRB office can make other arrangements to view the educational materials.

In addition, Ochsner provides one relevant journal subscription, such as *IRB - Ethics and Human Research* to each IRB panel member, and maintains a copy in the IRB Library. The IRB library has a wealth of reference materials including books, periodicals, videocassettes and training materials.

Whom can I contact for more information?

If you are interested in joining the IRB, please contact Stephanie Gaudreau, CIP, IRB Administrator at 504-842-3563 or email sgaudreau@ochsner.org.

Dr. Joe Breault, the IRB Chair, recommends candidates for appointment as IRB members. Dr. William Pinsky, the Executive Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, appoints members to a three-year renewable term.

Ochsner is committed to conduct research involving human subjects following rigorous ethical principles. The Ochsner IRB has been established in compliance with existing federal regulations of the federal government under U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations in 21 CFR 50, 56 and with a Federal Wide Assurance (with the DHHS, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP)).



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What is the IRB?

The IRB or Institutional Review Board is a group of people who perform independent review of research as required by federal regulations.

How do I fit in?

The IRB needs members who are:

- Physicians
- Other types of scientists (pharmacy, PhD, nurses, physician assistant)
- Non-scientists (house wife, teacher, pastor, lawyer, banker)

We are required to have members who are:

- Not affiliated with Ochsner
- Selected by appropriate diversity, multiple professions, ethnic backgrounds, gender
- From scientific and non-scientific backgrounds.

When are the meetings held?

There are 3 panels of the IRB which meet monthly:

Panel A – First Tuesday of each month
from 5:00-7:30 pm

Panel B – Second Tuesday of each month
from 2:30-5:00 pm

Panel C – Third Thursday of each month
from 1:00-3:00 pm



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