

**CONSORTIUM OF  
INDEPENDENT  
REVIEW BOARDS**

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**Code of Ethics**  
The Consortium of Independent Review Boards

Each member IRB of the Consortium of Independent Review Boards (CIRB) pledges to follow the articles of the CIRB Code of Ethics, as contained in this document.

1. The primary mission of CIRB members is to protect the interests, rights and welfare of human subjects in IRB reviewed studies.
2. CIRB members will be guided by the fundamental principles of research ethics put forth in the Belmont Report (The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, 1979) – Respect for Persons, Justice and Beneficence.
3. CIRB members will adhere to the letter and the spirit of laws and regulations requiring the protection of human subjects.
4. CIRB members will protect against conflicts of interest.
5. CIRB members will develop and follow a plan for training its IRB members.
6. CIRB members will protect the confidentiality of subject information and sponsor proprietary information to the extent allowed by law.
7. CIRB members will promote ethical recruitment practices for clinical research subjects.
8. CIRB members will respect the jurisdiction of other IRBs.

*Concerns regarding ethics violations shall be communicated in writing to CIRB's Executive Committee, and if appropriate, to CIRB's legal counsel for review and recommendations.*