

Part 9 – Conflicts of Interest and Commitment

Conflicts of interest and commitment in research can adversely impact the integrity of research results and the confidence of prospective volunteers in the research enterprise. The University seeks to identify, disclose, and avoid or manage conflicts to avoid these negative repercussions.

I. APPLICABLE POLICIES

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9](#)

Real or perceived conflicts of interest on the part of any individual associated with the use and the protection of human subjects in research can seriously undermine the credibility of the process and must be avoided.

II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF INVESTIGATORS AND RESEARCH STAFF

A. Identification and Disclosure of Outside Interests Related to Human Research

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.A](#)

1. Sponsored Project Proposals

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.A.1](#)

2. IRB Application

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.A.2](#)

3. Disclosures First Received by Schools and Colleges Pursuant to COI/COC Policies

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.A.3](#)

4. Sponsored Project and Technology Transfer Negotiations

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.A.4](#)

B. Conflict of Interest Review and Management

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.B](#)

Refer to <http://www.med.umich.edu/u/coi/index.htm>

C. IRB Risk/Benefit Analysis

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.II.C](#)

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF IRB MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS, AND STAFF

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.III.](#)

Refer to [IRBMED SOP Part 3.III.B.7](#)

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IRBMED and other University staff are subject to University-wide policy ([Standard Practice Guide \(SPG\) 201.65-1](#)), which requires that University employees not use their official University position of influence to further personal gain or the gain of their families or business associates.

The IRBMED strives to avoid both actual and perceived conflicts of interest in the performance of required activities. The IRBMED communicates regularly with the OVPR, Medical School Conflict of Interest Boards, and other University units (e.g., ORSP) to coordinate awareness of actual and perceived conflicts of interest of IRBMED members, staff (if applicable), and researchers. Legal Counsel is available to IRBMED to discuss a conflict of interest situation.

IV. INSTITUTIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Refer to [HRPP OM Part 9.IV.](#)