

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

The University of Chicago Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for reviewing and approving all research involving human subjects. The IRB is composed of members who represent the university community and are trained in the ethical principles and regulations that govern human subjects research. The IRB's primary concern is the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects. The IRB reviews research proposals to ensure that they meet the highest standards of ethical conduct and that appropriate safeguards are in place to minimize risks to subjects. The IRB also monitors ongoing research to ensure compliance with approved protocols and addresses any concerns that arise. The IRB's decisions are based on the best interests of the subjects and the scientific value of the research.

The IRB is organized into several committees, including the Human Subjects Research Review Committee (HSRRC), the Data Access and Privacy Committee (DAPC), and the Research Ethics Committee (REC). Each committee has specific responsibilities and oversees different aspects of the research review process. The HSRRC is responsible for reviewing research proposals involving human subjects, while the DAPC focuses on issues related to data access and privacy. The REC provides guidance on ethical issues and helps researchers understand the requirements of the IRB. The IRB also provides training and resources for researchers and staff involved in human subjects research. The IRB's goal is to ensure that all research involving human subjects is conducted in an ethical and responsible manner.

The IRB is committed to transparency and accountability in its operations. The IRB provides regular reports to the university community and publishes information about its activities and decisions. The IRB also encourages researchers to contact the IRB for questions and guidance. The IRB's website provides a wealth of information for researchers and staff, including information about the IRB's mission, values, and processes. The IRB is a key component of the University of Chicago's commitment to ethical research and the protection of human subjects.