

Code of Ethics of the Makati Medical Center-Institutional Review Board

Values

1. We promote the safety and welfare of human research subjects.
2. We comply with the laws, regulations and other applicable rules.
3. We perform reviews which are independent of external influence, in a competent and unbiased manner.

The Board

1. The Board protects the safety and welfare of human research subjects as its first priority.
2. The Board protects the independence of its decisions.
3. The Board complies with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines, as well as institutional policies and procedures that govern legal and ethical conduct.
4. The Board has and follows policies and procedures for avoiding, disclosing and managing conflicts of interest.
5. The Board has and follows policies and procedures for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of study participants, study sponsors, investigators and others to whom it owes duties of privacy and confidentiality.
6. The Board does not approve or disapprove any application until it has devoted adequate time, attention and expertise to the review.
7. The Board is subject to the authority of an official with sufficient standing, authority and independence to ensure compliance with this Code of Ethics.
8. The Board has and enforces written policies and procedures to ensure compliance with this code of Ethics.
9. The Board has a structure and process to prevent, elicit, record and address reports of noncompliance with this Code.
10. The Board publishes this Code of Ethics, measures its compliance with the Code and attempts to improve compliance over time.

Members

1. Members comply with the Board items above.
2. Members avoid conflicts of interest and disclose to the appropriate authority any conflict of interest prior to participating in an application review.
3. Members recuse themselves from, or limit their participation in the review of any application in which they have a financial or other conflict of interest.
4. Members limit their participation to matters for which they are competent and prepared to review, with appropriate reliance on experts.
5. Members maintain independent judgment, support due deliberation, and do not vote with the majority simply to maintain collegiality
6. Members report to the appropriate authority any attempt by a institutional authority or other outside party to improperly influence a Board decision
7. Members report to the appropriate authority any perceived ethical lapses by other members.
8. Members demonstrate that they understand and apply this Code of Ethics

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