



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

MCMR-UWZ-C

6 October 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: WRAIR IRB: A Fully Constituted Ethics Committee with DoD and HHS Assurances

1. This memorandum confirms that the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Institutional Review Board (IRB) maintains its current membership in accordance with Federal requirements set forth in 45 CFR 46, 32 CFR 219, and 21 CFR 56. Since 2006, the WRAIR IRB has not supplied copies of its official membership roster to researchers/Sponsors. Instead, a copy of this memorandum should be maintained in the Principal Investigator's official study file. An exception can be made with strong justification. The last version of this memorandum was dated 26 September 2006.
2. The WRAIR maintains human subjects research assurances, which mean that the institution agrees to comply with Federal, U.S. Army, Department of Defense (DoD), state, local, and institutional laws, regulations, and policies.
3. The Assurances currently held include:
  - a) DoD Assurance: A20126 (covers all human subjects research at the WRAIR or by WRAIR staff engaged in non-exempt human subjects research)
  - b) HHS Federal Wide Assurance #: 00000015 (covers research conducted or support by or in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS))
4. The WRAIR also has a registered IRB under the U.S. DHHS Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), IRB Registration #: 00000794
5. Please note: The Division of Human Subjects Protection (DHSP) maintains a past and current listings of all members (& alternates) and other pertinent documentation (such as, training certificates) regarding WRAIR's IRB members.
6. The point of contact for this action is the undersigned at, (301) 319-9919.

Signature on file at DHSP

Administrative Director  
WRAIR IRB