Considering a Research Study? We’re here for your protection.

**Education**

The Office of Research Subject Protection and Corporate Ethics is committed to making readily available required and optional education programs to researchers and research staff at RPCI as well as its affiliates.

**Human Research Subject Protection Training**
- Online training available.
  - Initial certification required for anyone involved in Human Research.
  - Renewed course completed every 3 years.
  - Courses available in Biomedical Research or Social/Humanistic/Behavioral Research.
  - Over 100 optional modules available to enhance the learner’s experience.

**Institute Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**
- Registration for training program can be initiated at any time.
  - Initial certification required for anyone involved in Animal Research.
  - Renewed course completed every 3 years.
  - Online courses available through the AAALAC Learning Library website.
  - Hands on workshops offered on a monthly basis.

**Responsible Conduct in Research (RCI)**
- Online training modules.
  - Initial certification required for anyone involved in Human Subject Research.
  - Renewed course completed every 3 years.
  - Required for all RPCI Researchers.

**Responsible Conduct in Research for Medical Students**
- Introduces future investigators to the issues of responsibility in the conduct of research.
- Topics include: clinical research, clinical trials, authorship, data management, evaluation and scientific presentation, scientific writing, peer review, genetic research, institutional research protection, animals in research, stem cell research, and use ofimported research.
- All students are also required to take the online CITI course. This course satisfies all requirements for graduate research ethics training as mandated by the Public Health Service and other federal agencies.

**Institute Biosafety Committee (IBC)**
- Registration for training program initiated by review and approval of a biosafety application.
  - Initial certification required for anyone involved in IBC work.
  - Renewed course completed every 3 years.
  - Online courses available through the AAALAC Learning Library website.

**Monthly Educational Series**
Presentations are given on a monthly basis. Series includes Ask the IRB, Ask the IACUC, Ethics Corner, and Ask the IBC. Noon to 1:00 pm – Watch for dates.

**Corporate Ethics News**
Periodic newsletter compiled of research and ethics related news affecting the Roswell Research Community.

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Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Institute Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Conflict of Interest Committee (COIC)
Institute Biosafety Committee (IBC)
Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO)
Our Committees

The institutional Review Board (IRB) at RPCI is a convened group of physicians, scientists and members of the community dedicated to advancing responsible and ethical research practices and to ensure that the rights, dignity and well-being of human subjects are protected. The IRB committee is committed to:

- Minimizing the risks associated with research related endeavors in accordance with the Belmont Report and the Common Rule, by providing oversight, education and monitoring.
- Promoting and advocating for the rights of research subjects, especially those who are vulnerable and/or susceptible to manipulation and exploitation.
- Providing leadership on human research subject protections.
- Fostering a culture of compliance oversight for protection of human subjects and enhancing protections for those in research studies.
- Providing education for investigators, research and administrative staff, and board members.

The Protocol Advisory Committee (COIC) is a permanent committee assisting out of the RPCI policy and State and Federal law requirements for the management, resolution and/or elimination of conflicts of interest for RPCI faculty and staff. The COIC members are charged with:

- Review disclosures to determine if a conflict at an individual or institutional level exists that could bias the research we do;
- Advise the Vice President for Corporate Ethics on methods of compliance for the recording and maintenance of conflict of interest/time commitment records;
- Assess the compliance status of research-related components for apparent conflicts of interest;
- Assist in the management, elimination, and/or reduction of any conflicts of interest or time commitment of any faculty or staff;
- Advise the Vice President for Corporate Ethics and the IRB on actions/actions necessary to resolve conflicts of interest to comply with Federal, State, and RPCI policies and;
- Serve as a resource to faculty and staff regarding possible perceived or potential conflicts of interest related to their research.
- Ensures that patients participating in research studies are informed of potential conflicts of interests through the informed consent process.

The RPCI IACUC committee is committed to:

- The humane and ethical treatment of all animals needed in research and teaching.
- Reviewing all requests for appropriate use of animals in research.
- Inspecting all facilities where animals are held or procedures are performed.
- Overseeing the RPCI program for humane care and use of animals including facilities, training, and all policies.
- Reviewing and providing resolution for all concerns involving the care and use of animals at RPCI resulting from public complaints or reports of noncompliance by personnel.

The Ethics Committees promote integrity and strive for clarity in the midst of what can be complex and confusing ethical situations. Our vision is to be a model of service and education for the clinical and scientific communities in identifying and responding to ethical issues. Our values include the pursuit of truth, excellence, respect, empathy, mutuality, responsibility, integrity and honoring within all relationships between all members of the institute and community.

Clinical Ethics
- Respond to requests for help to resolve ethical conflicts, issues, or questions involving patient care.
- Provide assistance with practical interpretation of ethical standards and applicable law.
- Acts as an advisory and resource to patients, family members or health professionals to address ethical questions using appropriate ethical standards and values.
- Provide appropriate ethical recommendations while promoting responsible conduct in sensitive matters.
- Facilitates discussion, analysis and understanding of ethical issues in patient care and research involving human subjects, and provides ethically appropriate recommendations for solving problems arising in health care practice and research.

Scientific Ethics
- Promote and improve knowledge of principles of scientific and research ethics in order to facilitate the responsible conduct of science.
- Develop and recommend guidelines and/or mechanisms for internal controls for any scientific/text/innovation that is to be further developed or promoted outside the laboratory.
- Adapt industry guidelines and recommendations for the RPCI SCRO committee as necessary and management data, lab notebooks, etc.
- Reinforce through education the commitment and regulations that define scientific integrity to all institute investigators, technicians, as well as pre and post doctoral students.
- Strengthen our institute mechanism to facilitate reporting of questions or concerns regarding any aspect of science including potential scientific misconduct without fear of repercussion.

To Report Related Concerns please call our anonymous HOTLINE at: 845-4923

The Rosewell Park Cancer Institute Biosafety Committee (IBC) is comprised of representatives from the scientific community, Radiation Safety, Environmental Safety, Employee Health Services, Laboratory Animal Resources and the community to represent the views of the general public.

The IBC Biosafety committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing all research protocols involving recombinant DNA, infectious agents and carcinogens.
- Setting the required level of safety for research using biologically hazardous materials.
- Ensuring that all research is conducted under the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Models.
- Conducting periodic reviews and laboratory inspections to ensure compliance.
- Formulating emergency plans covering accidental spills and personnel contamination by recombinant agents, as developed and recommended by the Office of Environmental Safety.
- Reporting significant problems or accidents, and violations of the NIH Guidelines to NIH’s Office of Biotechnology Activities.

716-845-3455

IBC

The Rosewell Park Cancer Institute Joint Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO) is comprised of members from Rosewell Park Cancer Institute, SUNY at Buffalo and the community to represent the views of the general public.

The UB/RPCI SCRO committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving research applications requiring the use of human stem cells.
- Reviewing and implementing training in the field of stem cell research and ethics.
- Ensuring that all stem cells are obtained, and research conducted with appropriate oversight and in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SCRO

SUNY at Buffalo and Rosewell Park Cancer Institute Joint Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO) is comprised of members from Rosewell Park Cancer Institute, SUNY at Buffalo and the community to represent the views of the general public.

The UB/ RPCI SCRO committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing and approving research applications requiring the use of human stem cells.
- Reviewing and implementing training in the field of stem cell research and ethics.
- Ensuring that all stem cells are obtained, and research conducted with appropriate oversight and in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.