



QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (QA/QIP)
Evaluation of Institutional Review Board (IRB) chair and committee

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1 PURPOSE :

- 1.1 This procedure establishes the process for the QA/QIP to conduct routine Institutional review Board (IRB) review.
- 1.2 The process begins when the QA/QI has identified the need for routine IRB review, or the IRB meets HRPP's criteria for QA/QIP-initiated routine review.
 - 1.2.1 QA/QIP recommendation:
 - As part of HRPP's requirement to review one IRB monthly
 - New appointed IRB chair/and/or members
 - 1.2.2 IRB Self-evaluation/review Department head initiated
 - Apply tools to support compliance
- 1.3 The process ends when the QA/QIP has provided completed IRB visit information to the IRB chair.

2 SCOPE:

- 2.1 This process applies to all IRB conducted at Drexel University (DU) and applicable affiliates.

3 REVISIONS FROM PREVIOUS VERSION:

- 3.1 None

4 GUIDANCE:

- 4.1 The QA/QIP routine IRB review of meeting and meeting minutes is to ensure regulatory compliance.
- 4.2 The QA/QIP recommend corrective actions and offers quality improvement suggestions to facilitate best practices and enhance overall conduct.

5 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Reference GUIDANCE 002 QA/QIP

6 PROCEDURE:

- 6.1 Schedule routine IRB review with each IRB chair
- 6.2 Forward review tools in advance as a checklist
- 6.3 Review corresponding IRB file and prepare onsite review tools using the Review Checklist
- 6.4 Review electronic and hard copy documentation (i.e. COEUS).
- 6.5 Provide IRB chair and other appropriate members of the IRB committee with preliminary findings and an opportunity to correct, explain, and/or ask questions.



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- 6.6 Complete a visit report within 10 business days using QA/QIP Professional Report Template.
- 6.8 Follow the “GUIDANCE 009 QA/QIP – Records” to file correspondence to and from the QA/QIP.
- 6.9 Work with the IRB chair to implement recommendations and best practices and establish the need and schedule for a re-review in the future if applicable.

7 MATERIALS:

- 7.1 Review Checklist.
- 7.2 QA/QIP Professional Report

8 REFERENCES:

- 8.1 None

Approvals

Signature of author signifies that this document accurately reflects the current process.

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