

## Human Research Protections Program (HRPP)

### What is a Privacy Board?

A Privacy Board is a review body that may be established to act upon requests for a waiver or an alteration of the Authorization requirement under the Privacy Rule for uses and disclosures of PHI for a particular research study. A Privacy Board may waive or alter all or part of the Authorization requirements for a specified research project or protocol. A covered entity may use and disclose PHI, without an Authorization, or with an altered Authorization, if it receives the proper documentation of approval of such alteration or waiver from a Privacy Board. An IRB can also serve as the Privacy Board if asked by the institution.

### Who Serves as the Privacy Board for Research Matters?

The HAC and CRRI are the Privacy Boards.

### What Web Resources are Available?

Access to current forms, guidance documents, training opportunities, IRB Rosters and the Federalwide Assurance (FWA) numbers are available on the MCG OHRP web site. Updates and other information related to deadlines, new forms or policies, etc., are posted on the web site as relevant. "Need to Know" postings in the MyMCG portal and direct emails are also sent and updates are posted in the MCG OHRP office. Public announcements are made at the Research Coordinators United in Excellence (RESCUE) meetings. Direct emails are also sent from the Vice President for Research.

The MCG OHRP has posted a decision tree from the Department of Health and Human Services

(DHHS) Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) to assist in determining if an activity is research. The decision tree is posted at

<http://www.mcg.edu/research/ohrp/hac/decchart.pdf>

### Are Other Approvals Required in Addition to the IRB Approval?

Approvals by other committees and/or services as listed below may be required prior to HAC approval release or MCG OHRP release for CRRI approval. Please note that the HAC and MCG

OHRP serve as gatekeepers for these approvals and cannot release IRB approval until these are met (as applicable):

- Institutional Biosafety Committee (<http://www.mcg.edu/research/ibc/>)
- Institutional Chemical Committee (<http://www.mcg.edu/services/ehs/chemsafe/chemsafe.htm>)
- Radiation Safety Committee, Human Use Sub-Committee (<http://www.mcg.edu/services/ehs/radsafe/RadSafe.htm>)
- Information Technology Support Services (<http://www.mcg.edu/itss/>)
- Graphics Standards Committee (<http://www.mcg.edu/research/ohrp/irb/hac/templates.asp>)
- MCG Health, Inc (MCGHI) Office of Clinical Investigative Services (OCIS) Health System Review Office (HSRO) (<http://www.mcg.edu/OCIS/review.htm>)

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- For Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center studies, all appropriate approvals from sub-committees such as Radiation Safety or Biosafety must be met prior to releasing any HAC approval.