



**ALLEGATIONS OF  
UNDUE INFLUENCE UPON THE DUHS IRB**

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It is the policy of the DUHS IRB that IRB review activities, and the implementation of DUHS IRB policies and procedures, are to be conducted objectively and without undue influence over deliberations or processes. IRB members, IRB Chairs, IRB office staff, investigators, or research participants who believe that an attempt has been made to unduly influence the IRB, its review processes, or application of its policies and procedures, may contact the Institutional Official (IO), Vice Dean for Scientific Integrity, the Vice Dean for Clinical Research, the DUHS IRB Executive Director, or IRB Lead Chair to report a concern. Depending on the nature and origination of the concern, the IO, Vice Dean for Scientific Integrity, Vice Dean for Clinical Research, IRB Executive Director, IRB Lead Chair or independent designees will review reports. Outcome of the review will be documented, the complainant provided with a response, and a corrective action plan instituted if deemed necessary. Consultation with University Counsel will also occur if deemed necessary.

Furthermore, if the concerns involve administration or officials for Duke University, Duke University Health System, or the Schools of Medicine or Nursing, the IRB reserves the right to contact OHRP, FDA, and/or NIH officials directly if the processes above are inadequate. In such cases, written notice will be promptly provided to the IO, Vice Dean for Scientific Integrity, Vice Dean for Clinical Research and Dean, School of Nursing, as applicable.

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