RESEARCH INVOLVING MEDICAL STUDENTS AS SUBJECTS

As part of the ongoing effort to support investigative efforts, and to balance the interests of investigators with those of research subjects, the Research on Medical Students Review Committee is available to assist.

For studies where medical students are being recruited as subjects, including surveys of medical students, the School of Medicine’s Research on Medical Students (ROMS) Review Committee reviews the proposed research plan. This review includes examination of how medical students will be recruited to and be involved in the study, and how the study will fit within the conduct of the medical school curriculum.

For this review, investigators are asked to submit their draft IRB proposal along with any supporting documents that will shed light on what any one medical student would experience as being part of the project. The submission is then reviewed by the ROMS Review Committee. Reviews are typically conducted within 2-3 weeks. The result of an approval from the ROMS Review Committee is a letter to the primary investigator which should be submitted to the IRB together with the other IRB documents.

Projects where medical students will be recruited as subjects may not proceed without review from the Research on Medical Students Review Committee.

To submit a study for review by the ROMS Review Committee, please email the review request to John Mahoney, MD, Associate Dean for Medical Education at mahoney@medschool.pitt.edu. Dr. Mahoney can be reached by phone at (412) 648-8714.