

The Human Subjects Committee is charged with reviewing all social science, behavioral and educational research involving human subjects at Yale. The IRB reviews the studies to ensure that the research participants are treated ethically and that the research conforms to federal regulations and University policy. All of our policies and procedures are available on line at [www.yale.edu/hrpp](http://www.yale.edu/hrpp) and we provide training on the key aspects of IRB review.

The IRB meets roughly once a month during the academic year and once or twice over the summer. The meetings last roughly 1-2 hours. Approximately one week before the meetings, the HSC office sends out via email the set of studies to be reviewed at the next meeting and members are expected to read through them and be prepared to voice any concerns they find. A single member will be assigned as the primary reviewer for each study and this is noted in the agenda. The primary reviewer is chosen based on their area of expertise and is expected to thoroughly review the protocol assigned so as to lead the discussion on that protocol. Those who decide to serve are not required to attend every meeting although we obviously prefer that they do. We also encourage alternate members to attend and join the discussion.

Each member brings a different voice and set of life experiences to the discussion. Members represent the various academic disciplines whose research is reviewed by the Committee as well as at least one member who is not affiliated with Yale. The intent is to provide expertise regarding the standards of a given academic field and to provide a broad perspective to assess whether the rights and welfare of research participants have been respected.

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