1. PURPOSE

1.1. This policy establishes the requirements for a reliance agreement for VA reliance on an IRB of the University.

2. POLICY

2.1. When a VA facility relies on an IRB of the University:

2.1.1. The membership roster of the IRB must indicate which members are affiliated with and/or represent the VA medical facility, which members are affiliated with and/or represent the entity operating the IRB, and which members are not affiliated with either.

2.1.1.1. VA representation on the University’s IRBs is optional and at the discretion of the Institutional Official.

2.1.2. The University must submit the membership roster of the IRB to the VA Office of Research Oversight (ORO) at the time of its designation as an IRB of record in a VA medical facility’s FWA.

2.1.3. The relying institution must register the IRB with OHRP and designate the IRB as an IRB of record on the VA facility’s FWA.

2.1.4. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required.

3. REFERENCES

3.1. VHA Directive 1200.05 (March 3, 2020)