



POLICY: VA Reliance

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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)