

Department: UAMS Institutional Review Board
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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes

Minutes of IRB Meetings

The IRB office will prepare minutes of each convened meeting, during which research projects are being reviewed.

1. The minutes of all IRB Committee meetings should document, the proceedings of the committee meeting including but not limited to the following and **must be in sufficient detail to show attendance at the meetings, including:**

- 1.1. When there is a consultant or guest attending.
- 1.2. Whether an alternate is voting.
- 1.3. When a member leaves the room.
- 1.4. The continued existence of a quorum.
- 1.5. Initial and continued presence of a majority of members, including at least one nonscientist member.
- 1.6. Presence of non-voting members.

2. For each new protocol and continuing review report discussed, the minutes document the following:

- 2.1. The IRB protocol number, title, and assigned reviewers.
- 2.2. Actions taken by the IRB Committee
 - 2.2.1. The vote on these actions including the number of members voting for, against, and abstaining. The abstaining member's name will be listed to verify non-conflict.
 - 2.2.2. When a member absents themselves during the vote due to a conflicting interest.
 - 2.2.3. Discussion and resolution of controverted issues.
 - 2.2.4. Document approval versions.
 - 2.2.5. Revisions required and the basis for any revisions required, or for declining or tabling a study.
 - 2.2.6. Accrual goal, for new protocols only.
 - 2.2.7. A determination on the length of time between continuing reviews (approval period).
 - 2.2.8. For new protocols, the level of risk assigned to the study. For Continuing Reviews, whether based on the information presented, there has been any change in the risk.
- 2.3. When a new protocol is approved, the IRB records should reflect that the IRB Committee determined that all approval criteria as outlined in IRB Policy 7.1 were met.
- 2.4. For Continuing Reviews, it should be noted that the study still meets each of the approval criteria or if information presented impacts any of the

approval criteria, changes required in order to grant approval.

3. Specific Findings, regardless of Agenda section. When specific findings on the part of the IRB Committee are required these findings should be fully documented in the IRB Committee minutes and should include protocol-specific information justifying each IRB finding.

- 3.1. If a waiver or alteration of informed consent was approved, documentation that the requirements as outlined in IRB Policy 15.3 were met.
- 3.2. For device studies, a determination of Significant Risk or Non-Significant Risk and the basis thereof as outlined in IRB Policy 18.2.
- 3.3. In studies to be suspended or terminated, when treatment may continue for safety reasons as outlined in IRB Policy 7.9.
- 3.4. In studies involving prisoners, or those likely to become incarcerated, the seven findings and category of research as outlined by IRB Policy 17.9, as well as the presence of the Prisoner Representative
- 3.5. In studies involving children or wards, the specific requirements and determinations made as outlined in IRB Policy 17.1.
- 3.6. In studies involving pregnant women, fetuses, or *In Vitro* Fertilization, the specific requirements and determinations as outlined in IRB Policy 17.8.
- 3.7. In studies involving the cognitively impaired, the specific requirements as outlined in IRB Policy 17.2.
- 3.8. For any study in which a DHHS approved sample informed consent document has been provided, any substantive modifications or deletions required.

4. Distribution and Finalization of Minutes. Minutes from the prior meeting of a particular committee are distributed with the next agenda for the next convened meeting of that committee for IRB members, alternates and the VA R&D Committee to review through the ARIA website.

Any corrections/comments to the minutes are noted in the minutes of the next meeting. Once approved by the convened IRB, the minutes may not be modified.

A copy of the final minutes is filed and posted on the ARIA website, and made available to IRB committee members, representatives of affiliated institutions, the VA R&D office, and the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research Administration.

The minutes shall be retained in ARIA indefinitely, but in no circumstance less than 3 years.