



PIM Policy Regarding Ethical Review for Research Regarding Human Subjects

The PIM Program Participant Agreement template for Phase 2 (2017-2022) includes the following clause:

“The Program Participant is responsible to follow internationally accepted norms/policy for assuring adequate ethical review of any research involving human subjects, an intervention on a living individual, and/or access to datasets with personal identifying information. Adequate ethical review will in general entail clearance by an Institutional Review Board. The Program Participant may be required by the Lead Center to provide documentation of this review prior to granting funds. Risk associated with research ethics remains with the Program Participant, and does not devolve to PIM or the Lead Center.”

Centers that do not have their own IRB processes are requested to have external IRB reviews conducted for all PIM research involving human subjects.

Please note that a list of independent IRBs that are accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) is available on the AAHRPP website: <http://www.aahrpp.org/learn/find-an-accredited-organization> (filter by Type - Independent IRB; this information was kindly provided to us by Michigan State University). University research partners will also in general have in-house IRBs, and review by these entities (if accredited) is sufficient.