

Institutional Review Board & Privacy Board

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IRB MEMBER NOMINATIONS

All our Colleges and Departments rely on the SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Institutional Review Board and Privacy Board (IRB) to approve and oversee human research projects and clinical trials. To maintain a successful research enterprise at Downstate, the President needs to appoint more IRB members. To provide best service to our faculty and staff, please forward your nominations of faculty who have the capacity to serve as dedicated and diligent IRB members. Voluntary service as an IRB member is a great opportunity to help improve the research enterprise, deepen personal knowledge on human research, and may create future professional opportunities.

Downstate Leadership prefers considering Downstate Faculty and Kings County Clinicians with several years of prior or active research experience; however, all nominations accepted by the IRB Chair will be considered. To nominate yourself or someone else please forward your recommendation along with their CV (if you have it) to Dr. Clinton Brown (IRB Chair) at <u>Clinton.Brown@downstate.edu</u>. You may also call Dr. Brown (718) 270-1729. Nominations accepted by the IRB Chair, will be forwarded to Ms. Heidi Aronin, SVP & CAO for consideration on behalf of President Wayne J. Riley.

The IRB's primary function is to safeguard the rights and welfare of human research participants and IRB members are empowered to approve, modify, or disapprove research. The IRB is responsible for oversight functions, ethical review, and compliance with research requirements. The IRB approves each research protocol based on specific criteria outlined in IRB policy, applicable laws, regulations, codes, guidance, and best practices. All newly appointed IRB members will go through a training program to learn how to execute protocol reviews and approvals in accordance with IRB policies and practices. To learn more about this exciting opportunity you may contact Kevin Nellis (Executive Director) at Kevin.Nellis@downstate.edu or (718) 613-8461.