Committee on Human Studies

The Committee on Human Studies (CHS) is an administrative body established to protect the rights and welfare of human research subjects recruited to participate in research activities conducted under the auspices of the institution.

The CHS has the authority to approve, require modifications in, or disapprove all human subject research activities being conducted at the Joslin. The CHS shall review all human subject research:

- Sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center or any external agency or funding source managed through the Joslin Diabetes Center; or
- Conducted by, or under the direction of, any Joslin Diabetes Center health care provider, or Harvard Medical School student in connection with his/her institutional responsibilities; or
- Conducted by, or under the direction of, any health care provider or student from an unaffiliated institution requiring access to Joslin Diabetes Center patients or human materials; or
- That involves the use of Joslin Diabetes Center’s non-public information (e.g., medical records, computer lists, etc…) to identify or contact human research subjects or prospective subjects.

The Committee functions independently but in accordance with institutional guidelines. The Committee, however, makes its independent determination whether to approve or disapprove a protocol based upon whether or not human subjects are adequately informed and protected.

Research that has been reviewed and approved by the CHS may be subject to review and disapproval by officials of the institution. However, those officials may not approve research if it has been disapproved by the CHS.

Statement of Compliance

The Joslin Diabetes Center, Committee on Human Studies is duly constituted (fulfilling federal requirements for diversity), allows only those members who are independent of the Investigator and the sponsor of the research study to vote/provide opinion on the study, has written procedures for initial and continuing review of research studies, prepares written minutes of the convened meeting, and retains records pertaining to the review and approval process; all in compliance with the federal rules and regulations for the protection of human subjects in research.

- Federalwide Assurance Number: FWA00001535 (expiration date: 11/7/2010)

In lieu of memberships lists, the following information pertaining CHS membership is provided:

The Committee on Human Studies is registered with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and meets the IRB membership requirements as outlined in the federal rules and regulations for the protection of human subjects in research.

- HHS IRB Registration Number: IRB00000371 (expiration date: 9/11/2012)