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SOP 1-IRB STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION SOP 1.1: Selection and Appointment of Members

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1. Policy Statement

The selection of CIM-CVGH IRB members shall ensure the representation of different disciplines scientists and non-scientists), gender, and age. There shall be a non-affiliated member (i.e. a member who is not affiliated with the institution).

2. Objective

This SOP aims to ensure that the selection of CIM-CVGH members complies with the international and national guidelines and that appropriate expertise is taken into consideration.

3. Scope:

This SOP applies specifically to the selection of members of the CIM-CVGH IRB. This SOP begins with the definition of the composition of the IRB, and ends with the filing of appointment documents and CVs of IRB members in the membership file.

4. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the IRB members, officers, and secretariat to understand and implement this SOP of the CIM-CVGH IRB.

5. Workflow

| ACTIVITY | RESPONSIBILITY | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Step 1. Define the composition of the membership of the IRB | Dean; Chair | | |
| Step 2: Call for nominations | Dean; Chair | | |
| Step 3: Submission of nominations | IRB Chair / Members, Hospital | | |
| | Management, Department | | |
| | Chairs, Section Heads | | |
| Step 4: Shortlisting of nominees | Chair | | |
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| Step5: Invitation to and confirmation of interest of the | Chair | | |
| nominees | | | |
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| Step 6: Appointment of new members | Dean | | |
| Step 7: Ensure completion of membership documents; Signing | New IRB Members; Secretariat | | |
| of conflict of interest disclosure and confidentiality agreement | , | | |
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| Step 8: Filing of appointment documents and CVs in the | Secretariat | | |
| membership file (SOP on Managing Active Files - SOP VII) | | | |
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6. Description of Procedures:

Step 1. Define the composition of the membership of the IRB

- The Dean, together with the Chair discusses the qualifications of additional/new members of the IRB.
- The IRB shall be composed of at least 9 members.
- The membership shall be multi-disciplinary. The IRB member should have diverse background and experience to foster a comprehensive and efficient review of research activities commonly conducted by its own affiliated and non-affiliated researchers.
 - The membership shall include persons whose primary concerns are in medical science and/or public health, with at least one member who is in anon-medical/nonscientific area, and at least one member who is not affiliated with CIM-CVGH.
 - Relevant expertise may include medicine and research, social or behavioral science, law, philosophy, environmental science and public health. It is recommended that the IRB should include a person who will represent the interest and concerns of the community.
 - The IRB shall aim for adequate representation of men and women members in order to promote gender sensitivity and its review procedures.
 - The IRB shall have representatives from both the older and younger generations.
 - During review meetings, the IRB shall adhere to quorum requirements as defined in international and national guidelines for IRB that review health research. When reviewing clinical trials involving children or pediatric patients, a pediatrician or child development specialist shall be present during its board meeting. (Refer to SOP 5.3 on Conduct of the Meeting)

Step 2: Call for nominations

• The Dean, through the Chair announces the open nomination process for the IRB to hospital management, department chairs, and section heads.

Step 3: Submission of nominations

- Any hospital staff may submit the name of their nominees to the Chair, with their corresponding Curriculum Vitae for deliberation.
- During the IRB meeting the Chair presents the credentials of the person being nominated.
 IRB Members discuss and decide by consensus on the final list of nominees to be submitted to the Director. Conflict of interest issues of nominees shall also be discussed.

Step 4: Shortlisting of nominees

 Members are selected based on their good moral character and personal capacities, their scientific expertise and knowledge of ethical principles, as well as their willingness to volunteer their time and effort to perform their functions in the IRB.





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- Members preferably shall have prior training in research ethics, research methodology, and Good Clinical Practice or should be willing to undergo continuing training during their membership.
- During the IRB meeting the Chair presents the credentials of the person being nominated.
 IRB Members discuss and decide by consensus on the final list of nominees to be submitted to the Director. Conflict of interest issues of nominees shall also be discussed.
- The Dean reviews the list of nominees and decides on the appointment to be made.

Step 5: Invitation to and confirmation of interest of the nominees

- The Chair will issue the invitation through an official letter. The invitation letter will include the following:
 - Duties and responsibilities: The Members shall serve as Primary Reviewers for research protocol documents within their area of expertise, and as General Reviewers for all researches discussed at convened meetings of the IRB
 - Term of office: Members shall be appointed for a period of three (3) years and renewable for several consecutive terms depending on their performance.
 - The nominee shall confirm interest verbally and by signing the conforme in the letter of appointment

Step 6: Appointment of new members

- Appointment of new members shall be made by the Dean through a communication letter.
- The appointment letter shall include the following:
 - Term of Office: Members are appointed for a period of three (3) years and renewable for several consecutive terms depending on their performance.
 - Duties and Responsibilities:
 - Willingness to make public his/her full name, profession, and affiliation as an IRB member
 - Members shall disclose all financial accountability related to their work in the IRB that may record and publicly disclose its financial records upon request
 - ➤ Members shall sign the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Agreements. The agreement should cover all applications, meeting deliberations, information on research participants and related matters.
 - Participate in CIM-CVGH IRB meetings (SOP 5.3)
 - Review, discuss and consider research proposals submitted for evaluation (SOP 3.1, 3.2)
 - Review progress reports and monitor ongoing studies as appropriate (SOP 4.1)
 - Evaluate final reports. (SOP 4.1)
 - > Assess serious adverse event reports and recommend appropriate action (SOP





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- ➤ Maintain confidentiality of the documents and deliberations during IRB meetings
- Participate in continuing education activities in health research and ethics
- Declare any conflict of interest.
- > Update CV and training record every time appointment is renewed (Form 1.2)
- > Conform at all times with the legal and ethical principles accepted by the IRB
- Attend basic and continuing education on Research Ethics at least once a year (Form 1.4)
- Perform other tasks requested by the IRB Chair.

Step 7: Ensure completion of membership documents; Signing of conflict of interest disclosure and confidentiality agreement

Once the member is appointed, he/she shall sign the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest
Agreements. The agreement should cover all applications, meeting deliberations,
information on research participants and related matters. It should contain an attachment
about the responsibilities of an IRB member, term of office, as included in the letter of
invitation.

Step 8: Filing of appointment documents and CVs in the membership file Secretarial files the documents and CVs of the members as provided for in SOP 7.4.

7. Forms:

Annex 1: Form 1.1 Appointment Letter Annex 2: Form 1.2 Curriculum Vitae

Annex 3: Form 1.3 Confidentiality Agreement Annex 4: Form 1.4 Training record of IRB Members

8. History:

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9. References:

- Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) Workbook 2015
- World Health Organization, Operational Guidelines for Ethics Committees that Review Biomedical Research, 2000.
- International Conference on Harmonization, Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (ICH GCP) 1996.
- National Ethical Guidelines for Health Research 2011 PNHRS



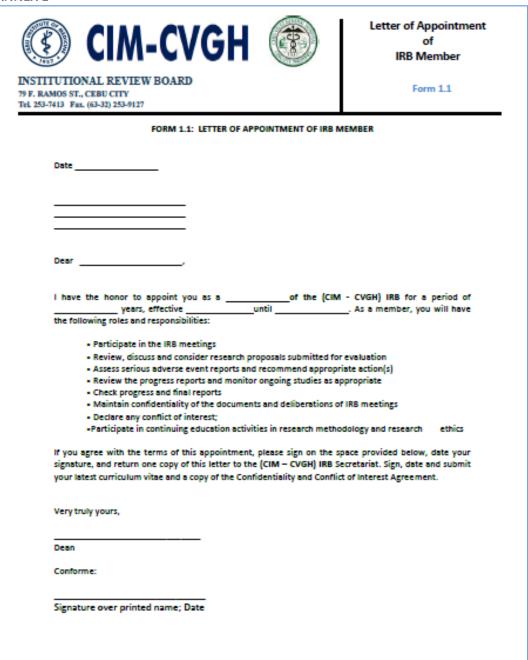


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Curriculum Vitae FORM 1.2

| CURRICULUM VITAE | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | |
| Last Name | First Name | |
| | | |
| Position in | Address | |
| the IRB | | |
| | | |
| Date of 1st Appointment | Contact No. | |
| | | |
| Educational | | |
| Background: | | |
| | | |
| Research and | | |
| Ethics | | |
| Training/s: | | |
| | | |
| WORK EXPERIENCE | | |
| | | |
| Previous work | | |
| Experience | | |
| | | |
| Present work | | |
| Experience | | |
| | | |
| Research-related | • | |
| Experience | | |





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Confidentiality Agreement

FORM 1.3

CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST AGREEMENT

Know all Men by these Presents:

In view of the appointment as a member of the (CIM - CVGH) IRB, and hereinafter referred to as the *Undersigned*, and Whereas: the *Undersigned* has been asked to assess research studies and protocols involving human subjects in order to ensure that the same are conducted in a humane and ethical manner, with the highest standards of care according to the applied national and local laws and regulations, institutional policies and guidelines; the appointment of the *Undersigned* as a member of the (CIM - CVGH)IRB is based on individual merits and not as an advocate or representative of a home province/ territory/ community nor as the delegate of any organization or private interest; the fundamental duty of an IRB member is to independently review both scientific and ethical aspects of research protocols involving human subjects and make a determination and the best possible objective recommendations, based on the merits thereof under review; and the (CIM - CVGH) IRB must meet the highest ethical standards in order to merit the trust and confidence of the communities in the protection of the rights and well-being of human subjects; The following terms and conditions covering Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest arising in the discharge of said appointed IRB member's functions, are hereby stipulated in this Agreement for purposes of ensuring the same high standards of ethical behavior necessary for the IRB to carry out its mandate.

Confidentiality

This Agreement thus encompasses any information deemed Confidential, Privileged, or Proprietary provided to and/or otherwise received by the *Undersigned* in conjunction with and/or in the course of the performance of his/her duties as a member/Independent Consultant of the (CIM - CVGH) IRB

Any written information provided to the *Undersigned* that is of a Confidential, Privileged, or Proprietary in nature shall be identified accordingly. Written Confidential information provided for review shall not be copied or retained. All Confidential information (and any copies and notes thereof) shall remain the sole property of the IRB.

As such, the Undersigned agrees to hold in trust and in confidence all Confidential, Privileged or Proprietary information, including trade secrets and other intellectual property rights (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "information"). Moreover, the Undersigned agrees that the information shall be used only for contemplated purposes and none other. Neither shall the said information be dis closed to any third party.

The Undersigned further agrees not to disclose or utilize, directly or indirectly, any information belonging to a third party, in fulfilling this agreement. Furthermore, the Undersigned confirms that her performance of this agreement is consistent with (CIM - CVGH)'s policies and any contractual obligations owed to third parties.





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Last name

Training Record of an IRB Member

FORM 1.4

TRAINING RECORD OF AN IRB MEMBER

| BASIC COURSES | ORGANIZER | VENUE | DATE | FUNDING |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|------|---------|
| | | | | SOURCE |
| 1. GCP Training | | | | |
| 2. Research Ethics | | | | |
| 3.IRBStandard | | | | |
| Operating | | | | |

First name

| CONTINUING ETHICS EDUCATION: Research Ethics Workshops, Conferences, Meetings, Lectures | ORGANIZER | VENUE | DATE | FUNDING SOURCE |
|---|-----------|-------|------|-------------------|
| 1. GCP Training | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |