



University of Maryland, Baltimore · Institutional Review Board



To whom it may concern:

This letter confirms that the Institutional Review Board for the University of Maryland, Baltimore maintains its membership according to the federal guidelines in 45CFR46, complies with FDA guidelines in 21CFR56, 21CFR50, and complies with United States Good Clinical Practice Guidelines. This letter also confirms that the University of Maryland, Baltimore IRB is the Institutional Review Board of Record for the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

Specifically, the Board comprises clinicians, researchers, ethicists, and administrators from within and throughout the University of Maryland at Baltimore. The Board operates within the federal guidelines with respect to the review and approval of research protocols involving human subjects.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Medicine IRB's Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) Number is FWA00007145 and the FWA expiration date can be found on the Office of Human Research Protections' (OHRP's) website at - <http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/fasurdtl.asp?ASURIDENT=FWA00007145&Submit=SEARCH>

Dr. Robert Edelman is the current Chairman of the IRB. It is the IRB's policy not to distribute a roster of all of the Board's members.

Due to the sensitive nature of the materials being reviewed by the IRB, all materials are maintained in a strictly confidential manner. The University of Maryland IRB members return all copies of materials issued to them for review and all copies are destroyed by the IRB office staff. Original submissions are kept in a secure storage facility where access is limited to the IRB office staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Jarrell".

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