

PI Resource Requirements for Protecting Participants

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POLICY:

- I. The PI assures that the resources necessary to conduct the study are present to protect the rights and welfare of participants before starting the study.

PROCEDURE:

- I. When conducting a research study, investigators should have the resources necessary to protect the rights and welfare of participants, including:
 - A. Sufficient time and staff to conduct and complete the research.
 - B. A process to ensure that all persons assisting with the research are qualified to perform and adequately informed about the protocol and trained in their research-related duties and functions.
 - C. Access to a population and the means that will allow recruitment of the necessary number of participants (i.e., translated consent document).
- II. All new protocols submitted to the applicable UIC IRB for review must first be reviewed for scientific merit, available resources and feasibility by the appropriate Department/Unit Head to provide additional assurances that the PI has the resources necessary to perform the selected research. Additionally, protocols submitted for convened IRB review must undergo Departmental Review.
 - A. Purpose of Scientific and Feasibility Review is to ensure that:
 1. There are an adequate number of qualified staff;
 2. There are adequate facilities in which to perform study procedures;
 3. Medical or psychological resources are available that subjects may need as a consequence of the research;
 4. There is adequate access to subjects; and
 5. The research can be conducted in such a manner as to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.
 - B. Using the above list in Item A as a guideline, PIs must not begin a study without adequate resources to protect subjects and, if resources become unavailable, should suspend or terminate a research study in part or in total and given the possible risk to the subjects.

REFERENCES:

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