

**IRB Evaluation Criteria: Equitable
Selection of Subjects**

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POLICY:

- I. Regardless of the funding source, the appropriate UIC IRB must determine that the selection of subjects is equitable. The IRB must evaluate whether the research, including both the selection (inclusion and exclusion criteria) and the proposed recruitment plan in the protocol, impose fair and equitable burdens and benefits to the participants.

PROCEDURE:

- I. PIs must submit the materials, or answer the questions in sufficient detail, as requested in the appropriate application form for the IRB to make determinations as to whether the selection of subjects is equitable.
- II. The IRB reviews whether the selection of subjects is equitable based on the materials submitted by the PI in the appropriate application form and through the use of the appropriate appendices. The IRB includes the following criteria in its evaluation:
 - A. The purposes of the research;
 - B. The setting in which the research would be conducted;
 - C. Whether the prospective participants would be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence;
 - D. The selection (inclusion/exclusion) criteria;
 - E. Participant recruitment and enrollment procedures; and
 - F. The influence of payments the amount and timing of payment to participants.
- III. VA Research. The Collaborative IRB will not allow non-veterans to be enrolled in JBVAMC research studies unless there are insufficient veterans available to complete the study.

RESOURCES:

[21 CFR 56.111\(a\)\(3\)](#)
[38 CFR 16.111\(a\)\(3\)](#), [38 CFR 17.45](#)
[45 CFR 17.92](#), [45 CFR 46.111\(a\)\(3\)](#)
[VHA Handbook 1200.05](#)

[OHRP Guidance on Written IRB Procedures](#)