Michigan State University
Human Research Protection Program

Subject: Undue Influence on IRB

Section: 9-6
This policy and procedure supersedes those previously drafted.

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Related Sections:

Michigan State University (MSU) Institutional Review Board (IRB) members, Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) staff, and MSU administrators are expected to report any undue influence placed upon them. In the context of the IRB, undue influence is any inappropriate pressure placed upon an IRB member, the IRB chair or HRPP staff because of that individual’s role as an IRB member or HRPP staff or IRB chair. This includes undue influence placed upon them to make decisions that would favor an individual or the institution over the welfare and safety of research subjects.

Any undue influence experienced by IRB members or the HRPP staff should be reported to the IRB chair or the HRPP director who will investigate and mediate such situations, in consultation with the Institutional Official (IO) and the assistant vice president (AVP) for the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) when necessary.

Any undue influence experienced by the IRB chair or the HRPP director should be reported to the AVP ORA who will investigate and mediate such situations, in consultation with the IO when necessary.