

**DHR HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT: Reporting Concerns and Undue Influence	Policy #: CRP-1048
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Purpose:

The DHR Health Institute for Research and Development strives to ensure a culture of compliance with respect to the protection of human subjects involved in research. Despite the best efforts of members of the research community, there may be instances where 1) an area of concern is identified related to the conduct of a study, or 2) an individual believes s/he is being subjected to undue influence. The mechanisms to report instances of noncompliance or undue influence are described in this policy.

Applies To:

This policy applies to the following potential research investigator; Physician staff employed by RMF and its affiliates; staff employed by DHR Health and its affiliates; faculty, fellows, residents, students of academic institutions with a current affiliation agreement with DHR Health Institute for Research & Development; staff and physicians of non-academic institutions with a current affiliation agreement with DHR Health Institute for Research & Development; Physicians with privileges to practice medicine in DHR Health, Physicians and staff employed by Starr County Memorial Hospital and its affiliates; faculty, fellows, residents, students of academic institutions with a current affiliation agreement with Starr County Memorial Hospital and its affiliates; staff and physicians of non-academic institutions with a current affiliation agreement with Starr County Memorial Hospital and its affiliates; Physicians with privileges to practice medicine in Starr County Memorial Hospital and its affiliates.

Reporting Concerns:

Concerns related to the conduct of human subjects research can be reported in a number of ways:

- Contact the Office of Human Research Protection Program through irb@dhr-rgv.com;
- Contact the Office of Research Protection Program by calling 956-362-2379;

Undue Influence:

If any OHRPP staff member, IRB member, Co-Chair or member of the research community believes s/he has been subjected to undue influence, they should report this matter to the IRB Chair, who will investigate the matter and, will take appropriate action. If an OHRPP staff member or Co-Chair feels that the IRB Chair is responsible for the undue influence, this matter will be brought directly to the attention of the President of the DHR Health Institute for Research and Development.