

**Cooperative Agreements Between
WSU IRB and Inland Empire Hospital Services Association
WSU IRB and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services**

Effective September 7, 2004, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Washington State University (WSU) and the Inland Empire Hospital Services Association (IEHSA) entered into a cooperative agreement. The IRB-Spokane is responsible for reviewing all research conducted in or in conjunction with IEHSA hospitals.

Effective August 28, 2006, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Washington State University (WSU) and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) entered into a cooperative agreement. The Washington State Institutional Review Board (WSIRB) is responsible for reviewing all research conducted in the jurisdiction of the DSHS

These Cooperative Agreements are intended to ensure that human research participants are protected while at the same time allowing WSU researchers to submit only one IRB application if research is conducted with:

- Spokane hospitals: Deaconess Medical Center, Holy Family Hospital, Sacred Heart Medical Center, St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, and Valley Hospital & Medical Center)
- DSHS records or facilities

Procedure

1. WSU researchers will complete an IRB-Spokane application or a WSIRB application and submit the application and associated documents to the WSU IRB. The WSU IRB must keep copies and records of all research conducted by WSU researchers. This is an administrative review and for file copies only.
2. The WSU IRB Coordinator will forward the application and associated documents to the cooperating IRB.
3. The cooperating IRB will review the application at a convened full-board meeting or conduct an expedited review. Following the review, any requests for changes, amendments, additions, etc. will be coordinated through the cooperating IRB.
4. Copies of all correspondence and approval letters will be sent to the WSU IRB Coordinator from the cooperating IRB.

Exception

WSU IRB policy requires all research conducted by WSU faculty and staff on Native American Reservations, or which target Native Americans as the study population, be reviewed by a convened full board of the WSU IRB with special committee representation in addition to review by the cooperating IRB.

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