Appeals of IRB Decisions

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1.0 Purpose
This policy describes the process by which an investigator can appeal a decision of the IRB.

2.0 Scope
The SOP applies to all human subject research falling under the purview of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board.

3.0 Policy/Procedure
An investigator may appeal the revisions required by the IRB in the protocol and/or informed consent form. An investigator may also appeal an IRB decision to disapprove a study.

An IRB decision can only be appealed to the Board; no other party may override the decision. The issue should if possible go back to the board which made the initial decision.

The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the IRB.

The investigator may be invited by the Chair to attend the full board meeting or meet with the Chair prior to the meeting at which the appeal is presented.
The investigator is invited for purposes of answering questions posed by the board members.

The investigator leaves prior to Board discussion and vote on the issue.

If the appeal is denied the Board decision cannot be overridden by another party.