



Institutional Review Board

October 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (UTSW) does not release the names of its Institutional Review Board (IRB) members to anyone outside of the institution except federal regulatory agencies. UTSW holds a current, approved Federalwide Assurance (FWA) of Compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services, which is not granted unless an institution's IRB meets all requirements under 45 CFR Part 46. Hence, we provide our Assurance number (FWA00005087), rather than a list of IRB members when requested to confirm our compliance with applicable federal regulations. Our FWA expires on October 5, 2012.

Any member of the IRB who is the Principal Investigator, Faculty Sponsor or a Co-Investigator on a protocol is prohibited from serving as a primary reviewer and must recuse him/herself from all IRB deliberations and voting relative to her/her project. IRB members are required to disclose such involvement in projects to be reviewed by the IRB and physically must leave the meeting room prior to the committee's review of the research project in which the member is involved.

If you have any questions regarding the protection of human research subjects at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, please contact me at 214-648-0455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Suzanne M. Rivera'.

Suzanne M. Rivera, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Associate Vice President for Research Services