



**IRB MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST
DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

Approved by the Institutional Review Board on January 16, 2007

In order to ensure that conflicts of interest do not compromise the rights and welfare of human research participants, the IRB considers these issues during the review of research, including any potential conflicts on the part of the investigators or of the IRB members conducting the review.

The identification of conflicts of interest is complex due to differences in opinion about what might constitute a conflict. In addition it is often difficult for individuals to recognize their own conflicts of interest. The issue is further complicated because the IRB needs to consider either actual or potential conflicts and perceived conflicts of interest.

In accord with federal regulations, the institution provides less latitude for the participation of IRB members with competing interests than it does for investigators. No IRB member may participate in Institutional Review Board's initial or continuing review of any research protocol in which the member has a conflicting interest, except to provide information requested by the IRB. A member will be excluded from participation during the final deliberation and voting for any research in which the member has a potential conflict of interest, such as, an investigator role, relationships to the investigator, or a financial interest with regard to the research. The member may participate in the review only to provide a summary of the research and address any questions that the IRB may have. For new protocols being considered, and for continuing reviews in which concerns or issues are identified for IRB deliberation, and IRB member with a conflict of interest will be excused from the room before the final deliberation and vote.

Prior to the consideration of new or continuing protocols, IRB members will be asked to disclose any potential conflicts of interest and reminded of the policies outlined in this document. IRB members who are excused from the final deliberation and vote due to conflicts will be noted on the protocol approval form.

This policy is supplemental to any other conflict of interest policies adopted by NJIT and/or the State of New Jersey.

Disclosure Agreement:

Name (printed): _____

I certify that I will abide by the IRB's policies regarding disclosure and exclusion for any study in which I have a conflict of interest concerning protocols reviewed by the IRB.

I will make known the existence of possible conflicts of interest that I may have regarding a protocol under review prior to the beginning of the IRB's discussion of the protocol and I will absent myself from the meeting for the final deliberation and vote in accord with IRB requirements.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

Signature _____

Date _____