

<b>SOP: 801</b>	<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>
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## **POLICY**

The University of Utah IRB will follow and adhere to the University's Conflict of Interest policy. The full policy (1-006) is posted on the University Regulations website. All investigators engaged in research are required to comply with the policy.

The protection of human subjects requires objectivity in communicating risks, selecting subjects, promoting informed consent, and gathering, analyzing and reporting data. Therefore, the IRB will consider conflict of interest issues in its deliberations of applications.

All principal investigators must complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form within the ERICA online system, declaring whether they have any significant financial interests related to the research.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms must be completed for each new IRB proposal (i.e. new study application) within the ERICA online system.

The Conflict of Interest Committee is required to report all conflicts of interest related to human subject research and provide management plans to the IRB. Management plans are accessible to the IRB within the ERICA system. The IRB will review the conflict of interest decisions and management plans to consider the effect of financial interests on participant protections. The IRB requires financial interests of principal investigators to be managed so that they do not adversely affect participant protections or the credibility of the human research protection program. Disclosure alone cannot be used to manage investigators' financial interests that might adversely affect participant protections. The IRB has the final authority to decide whether the conflicting interests and management plans adequately protect participants and allow research to be approved.