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POLICY

It is the policy of the University of Utah IRB to assure that the privacy and confidentiality protections are adequate for all research participants, which may include requesting the Investigator to secure a Certificate of Confidentiality (refer to the Investigator Guidance Series: Certificates of Confidentiality available on the IRB website). The University of Utah IRB provides guidance to IRB members and Investigators regarding privacy and confidentiality. Such guidance is available on the IRB website and within the ERICA online system.

Investigators must describe provisions to protect the privacy interests of participants in the IRB application. The IRB determines and documents whether privacy protections are adequate.

The Investigators must describe provisions to maintain the confidentiality of data in the IRB application. The investigator will be required to abide by HIPAA regulations, when applicable. Accordingly, any conditions under which confidential information might be disclosed, including any voluntary disclosure by the Investigator must be described in the informed consent document. The IRB determines and documents that the confidentiality of identifiable data will be maintained in accordance with agreements between investigators and participants.