

CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDANCE FOR IRB MEMBERS

At convened meetings of the SUNY Upstate IRB, members are asked to declare potential conflicts of interest with studies under review at the beginning of the meeting or when they arrive, if they arrive after the meeting has started. Potential conflicts of interest include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Significant financial holdings or potential for personal financial gain from holdings in the sponsor of a study; including those of family members.
2. A personal or professional relationship with the sponsor, such as:
 - Being a member of a Speakers bureau
 - Being a member of an Advisory board
 - Serving as an author or editor on sponsor publications
 - Personal relationship with the sponsor, which may be viewed as a conflict
3. A competitive position relative to a particular study, such as a professional relationship with a competing sponsor.

If an IRB member has a potential conflict of interest, they will be asked to abstain from voting on the study and should declare the conflict during any discussion prior to the voting. It is not necessary for the IRB member to elaborate on the specifics of the potential conflict.