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PRIMARY MEMBERS	
<p>Frances Conway, RN, CIP CHAIR (Scientific) <i>Affiliated</i> <i>Member since 2008</i></p>	Ms. Conway is a registered nurse with knowledge of regulatory requirements as related to IRB compliance with FDA, DHHS, and EPA regulations.
<p>Julie A. Blasingim, BA, MBA, CIP VICE CHAIR (Non-Scientific) <i>Affiliated</i> <i>Member since 2009</i></p>	Ms. Blasingim comes to the IRB with extensive knowledge of human research protection issues and regulatory compliance. She presents ongoing educational programs and regulatory updates to the IRB members and IIRB staff.
<p>Marcos Rejtman, DO (Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2005</i></p>	Dr. Rejtman is Board Certified in Family Practice, Geriatric Medicine and Hospice & Palliative Care. Through his experience, Dr. Rejtman is able to evaluate protocols from a scientific perspective with a focus on risks/benefit analysis.
<p>Rabbi Akiva D. Mann, MA (Non-Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 1997</i></p>	Rabbi Mann is the Director of The Institute of Jewish Knowledge and Learning and provides moral and ethical perspectives to the review process.
<p>Edward Wiederhorn (Non-Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 1995</i></p>	Mr. Wiederhorn is a community representative to the IIRB, Inc. He is a member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and has been involved with Fraternal and Charitable Organizations.
<p>Shari Somerstein, RPh (Scientific) <i>Affiliated</i> <i>Member since 1999</i></p>	Ms. Somerstein has extensive experience in clinical pharmacology and the drug development process through analysis of clinical and non-clinical data, with a focus on human research protection.
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	
<p><i>Alternate Members serve as a voting member, when filling the role of an absent voting member. Alternate Scientific Members can serve as a voting alternate member for Frances Conway, but cannot serve as a Chair of the IRB. Alternate Non-Scientific Members can serve as an alternate voting member for Julie Blasingim, but cannot serve as a Vice Chair of the IRB.</i></p>	
<p>Ernest Bertha, MD, MBA *(Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2009</i></p>	Dr. Bertha is a Board Certified Pediatrician specializing in emergency medicine, bringing with him a background of pediatric acute care medicine.
<p>David D. Wells, MD (Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 1996</i></p>	Dr. Wells has served as an Emergency Medicine Department Chairman. He has worked with different ethnic populations, especially migrant workers and brings his sensitivity of the social mores of the underprivileged to the IRB.
<p>Glenn K. Moran, DO, FACOFP (Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2004</i></p>	Dr. Moran is Board Certified in Family Practice. Through his present practice, he is able to contribute up to date information related to the current medical world. In addition, Dr, Moran is a Clinical Associate Professor of family medicine at a local university.
<p>Robert Lettman, Esq (Non-Scientific) <i>Affiliated</i> <i>Member since 2004</i></p>	Mr. Lettman is a practicing Attorney providing legal understanding with regard to the rights of research participants.
<p>Levi G. Williams, Esq (Non-Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2007</i></p>	Mr. Williams is a practicing Attorney with a focus on cultural diversity, including multi-racial and juvenile rights.
<p>Marijke Adams, PharmD, PhD (Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2009</i></p>	Dr. Adams is an adjunct pharmacology Professor at a local University. She also has extensive experience in pharmaceutical drugs development, protocol development, regulatory requirements, and the conduct of clinical and nonclinical research.

Rev. Pat Alessi (Non-Scientific) <i>Unaffiliated</i> <i>Member since 2010</i>	Rev. Pat Alessi is an ordained minister serving as an Associate Minister for more than 35 years. Her experience allows her to provide moral and ethical perspectives to research involving humans.
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CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS ROSTER (Version: 1/21/10)

Removed George Garbarino as a Primary IRB Member, recognition of Frances Conway and Julie Blasingim as Certified IRB Professionals (CIP), correction of Glenn K. Moran MD, FACOFP to Glenn K. Moran DO, FACOFP, and updated the description of Dr. Moran's expertise.