



RCRC Independent Review Board Announces Full Accreditation from AAHRPP

RCRC awarded Full Accreditation for overseeing human research protections

Austin, Texas (PRWEB) April 2, 2009 -- RCRC Independent Review Board, providing ethical review services for greater than 20 years, announced today that it was awarded Full Accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (AAHRPP). This achievement demonstrates the high quality of RCRC's human research protection program in meeting the rigorous accreditation standards and processes.

"Attaining accreditation is our commitment to research participants, researchers, and our pharmaceutical clients, to continually enhance our human research protection program. RCRC voluntarily embraces standards that are much higher than required by law to protect research participants and ensure integrity of research." stated Priscilla Short, RCRC Executive Director.

AAHRPP is a non-profit organization that works with organizations that conduct human research or oversee ethical review of human research, in order to raise the level of protection for research participants. AAHRPP accredits organizations that can demonstrate they provide participant safeguards that surpass the threshold of state and federal requirements. The accreditation program utilizes a voluntary, peer-driven educational model.

Through the rigorous accreditation process, organizations must demonstrate that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their operations and that they adhere to the highest standards for research. AAHRPP's standards exceed federal regulations by requiring organizations to address conflict of interest, to provide community outreach and education and to apply the same stringent protections to all research involving human participants. The accreditation process typically results in system-wide improvements that enhance protections for research participants and promote high-quality research.

Accreditation is available to U.S. and international organizations that provide ethical review for biomedical, behavioral or social sciences research involving human participants, or conduct such research. Decisions on accreditation are announced quarterly, and accreditation is valid for three years. For organizations interested in learning more about accreditation, visit <http://www.aahrpp.org/>.

RCRC is a leading provider of professional IRB services, providing IRB review for clients nationwide. RCRC provides ethical review for all phases of research in a variety of therapeutic areas and has extensive experience in multi-site trials and mega trials. RCRC offers two weekly review board meetings and a 24-48 hour turnaround time.

For further information visit www.rcrc-irb.com.

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