



POLICY: Use of Northwestern University IRB Services

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This policy exists to assist human research Investigators and their study teams in determining whether they may use Northwestern University’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) services.

2 PREVIOUS VERSION

- 2.1 Revised from previous version dated 3/28/2022.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Northwestern University’s IRB provides oversight over the conduct of Human Participant Research for Northwestern University and for those entities where Northwestern University has an agreement for IRB services (e.g., Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab).

4 POLICY

- 4.1 When Northwestern University is [engaged](#) in human research, Northwestern University’s IRB services may only be used for Northwestern University activities, or where the University has an IRB Service agreement in force (e.g., Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab). External entities or parties, such as industry/commercial entities, start-up companies or physicians’ private practices, may not use Northwestern University’s IRB services without a formal agreement in place prior to the initiation of research activities. Determinations about whether the Northwestern University IRB will engage in a formal agreement are at the discretion of Northwestern University’s Institutional Official.