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Appeal of CHR Decisions

BACKGROUND

The CHRs are committed to working with investigators to resolve problems with the planning or conduct of their research so that CHR approval can be provided and the work can proceed. The CHRs may, however, make recommendations with which investigators disagree. CHR may also disapprove or withdraw approval from research that it believes does not adequately protect the rights and welfare of study subjects. In any of these circumstances PIs may wish to appeal the decision of the CHR.

JHSPH POLICY AND PROCEDURES

If a protocol reviewed by CHR has either been repeatedly deferred or has been disapproved, or if approval has been withdrawn from a previously approved study, the PI may appeal the Committee's decision by submitting a written request to CHR within four weeks of receiving the written summary of the CHR review. The appeal should address specific points raised by the CHR, an overall action of the Committee, or both. The PI should explain the rationale for the appeal, addressing the concerns of the CHR, and providing any supporting documentation that may be relevant. The CHR will review the appeal in a convened meeting of the full Committee and notify the investigator of its decision in writing. The investigator may also be asked to attend the CHR meeting to present his or her case, or to answer questions, or to submit further information in writing. If the CHR affirms its decision to disapprove, suspend or withdraw approval of a study, this decision may not be reversed by any other official or body of JHSPH or the Johns Hopkins University.

Investigators should send their written appeals to the CHR Office, Suite E1100, Bloomberg School of Public Health.