

MEMO

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To: Midway College Community
From: Research Ethics Review Board (RERB)
John Delfino, Chair
Re: Research involving human participants

The Research Ethics Review Board is a six -member committee (5 Midway College members and 1 external reviewer) charged with ensuring that research involving human participants conducted at or supported by Midway College complies with ethical standards set by the federal government. Such research may range from medical investigations that involve the collection of biological specimens such as blood or tissue to less invasive studies that employ pencil and paper questionnaires focused on attitudes and opinions. Persons conducting such research on the Midway College campus or conducting such research with the support of Midway College must comply with the policy.

Who must submit a research proposal for RERB review?

1. Midway College faculty, staff, or students who plan to employ humans as research participants, whether or not these participants will be recruited from Midway College. (Please note: “minor” student research conducted as part of class requirements and making up a small portion of the actual class work is exempt from RERB review. Student theses or senior seminar projects are not exempt and must undergo review.)
2. Off campus investigators who plan to have Midway College faculty, staff, or students as participants in a research project.

Questions about the RERB?

The policies and procedures of the Research Ethics Review Board can be found in the Midway College Policies and Procedures Package.

Copies of RERB policies and procedures as well as applications for review are available from John Delfino. If you need further information about the RERB you may contact John Delfino or the other faculty board members, who are currently Wayne Gebb, Wendy Hoffman, and Cindy Tucker.