

Research at Virtua: Understanding the Roles of HRPP, IRB, and Research Administration and Operations

Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)

The mission of the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) is to support Virtua's research enterprise by ensuring the protection of subjects who participate in research; ensuring compliance with all pertinent federal and state laws and regulations; fostering the ethical conduct of human subjects' research; and providing education and other services related to regulatory requirements and best practices to Virtua investigators and study personnel.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

The mission of the IRB is to ensure the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects based on the rules and regulations of [FDA](#), and [DHHS](#) by approving, requiring modifications in, or disapproving Human Subjects Research projects.

Research Administration and Operations

The mission is to support our researchers across Virtua's network conducting research and other sponsored, scholarly activities. We collaborate with members of senior leadership to ensure proper stewardship, reduce administrative burden, and grow Virtua's research enterprise. We work with IT to effectively connect research business needs and IT technical solutions to optimize research administration operations. Our work with Legal streamlines agreements, statements of work and budget negotiations.