

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA**

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE UM IRB**

**POLICY:** The IRB at The University of Montana seeks Board representatives from a wide variety of constituencies and fields of expertise to promote complete and adequate review of research activities commonly conducted by the University.

**PROCEDURES:**

Board composition:

The UM IRB is composed of at least nine members. It is desirable for the UM IRB to number among its members one representative from:

Graduate student enrolled at UM  
Lawyer  
Missoula School District 1  
Minority community

Native American community  
Physician (preferably a pediatrician)  
Wider Missoula community

In addition, members will be sought from UM programs conducting research involving human subjects, including (but not limited to):

Communications Studies  
Education  
Health and Human Performance  
Pharmacy

Physical Therapy  
Psychology  
Social Work  
Sociology

Tenure:

UM IRB members may serve for an indefinite period until resignation, replacement or removal for cause.

Vacancies:

At the time a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Chair will request nominations, preferably for a person with a background and expertise similar to the person whose leaving created the vacancy. Nominations will be considered at a regular meeting of the Board, and voted upon by the members present. The name of the nominee selected by the Board will then be forwarded to the UM Vice President for Research for approval.

APPROVED:   
Chair, UM IRB

DATE: 11/12/03