Subject: Procedure for Requesting Legal Counsel Opinion

Procedure:
This procedure defines the process for the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) to obtain an opinion from the Office of General Counsel for issues pertaining to human research.

I. All requests for opinions from the Office of General Counsel must be copied to the HRPP Director.

II. Issues such as acceptable language for the informed consent documents, determinations regarding exculpatory language, local and state laws, and privacy issues are among the items in which an opinion may be requested from legal counsel.