

Study Recruitment



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IRB's Role in Participant Recruitment

- Ensure participants recruited in a *fair* and *equitable* manner
- Review of proposed:
 recruitment methods
 advertising materials
 payment arrangements
- Ensure methods, materials, and payments are fair, accurate, and appropriate

Recruiting Various Populations

- Rationale for involvement of vulnerable subjects and additional protections
- Diverse participant pool based on target population
- Employees and Students
 - Protected from coercion or undue influence
 - Alternatives to participation

Recruitment Considerations

- Payment
- How the researcher acquired private information
- Cold calling generally not allowed
- Use of secure email



Recruitment Considerations

- Recruitment methods should not include:
 - Payment <u>from</u> research participants
 - Coupon or discount for a test article after it is approved for marketing
 - Payment of finder's fees to research staff for recruiting participants
 - Overemphasizing payment

Recruitment Materials

- What must be submitted to IRB:
 - All advertisements and recruitment materials
 - Telephone scripts
 - Video ads
 - Internet postings
 - Flyers
 - Emails



Questions?





