

Appendix C  
**Involving Prisoners as Subjects in Research**

State of Illinois law prohibits involving prisoners in biomedical research. Researchers planning to include prisoners in other types of research must adhere to the additional guidelines and regulation, (45 CFR 46, subpart C) for human subjects research. Researchers must provide sufficient information for the IRB to review. The IRB uses the following criteria to review the research.

1. The possible advantages accruing to participating prisoners are not of such magnitude that it will unduly influence his or her ability to weigh the risks of the research against the value of such advantages,
2. The risks involved in the research are similar with risks that would be accepted by non-prisoner volunteers,
3. The procedures for the selection of subjects are fair to all prisoners and that procedures for assignment to various groups within the research (e.g., experimental, control groups) have been random,
4. There is no arbitrary intervention by prison authorities on the selection of prisoners over the course of the study,
5. There is adequate assurance that the parole boards will not have access to information pertaining to the prisoners participation in the research or if they do, the parole board will not use such information when considering the prisoner's parole,
6. The consent form and/or the oral instructions to potential research participants state that participation will have no effect on his or her parole, and
7. Provisions for follow-up examinations or care of participants upon the end of their participation, if needed , are made and participants are informed of this.

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