

Goodwyn IRB, LLC established in 1998, is a central IRB which provides independent review and oversight of clinical research trials. Goodwyn IRB consists of experts from all over North America chosen for their expertise and reputation to provide the highest level of review and protection in all types of human subject research.

"Accreditation holds organizations to the highest standards of protection, so each accreditation marks another milestone for research participants and for all of us who are committed to safe, ethical, excellent research," said AAHRPP President and CEO Marjorie A. Speers, Ph.D.

Through the rigorous accreditation process, organizations must demonstrate that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their research operation and that they adhere to the highest standards for research. AAHRPP's standards exceed federal regulations by requiring organizations to address conflict of interest, to provide community outreach and education and to apply the same stringent protections to all research involving human participants. (Under federal regulations, such protections are mandated only for federally sponsored or regulated research.) The accreditation process typically results in system-wide improvements that enhance protections for research participants and promote high-quality research.

\*About the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc.\*

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