

POLICY ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/ OTC DRUGS IN STUDENT RESEARCH

The IRB will not approve student-research projects using any controlled substances including alcohol and prescription drugs. Projects using over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and supplements must include a complete, literature-based risk-assessment plan that details all potential side effects and health risks of the drug and includes a protocol for minimizing and mitigating said risks should they occur in a study participant. The risk-assessment plan must be a minimum of one single-spaced page based on at least five references from the primary scientific literature. In addition, the label from the product with use and risk information or a page from the website of the manufacturer with the same must be included. The IRB reserves the right to reject any proposal using OTC drugs that does not have a sufficient risk assessment plan.

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