Eastern Virginia Medical School
Conflict of Interest Committee
Independent Reviewer Qualifications, Exclusions, and Responsibilities

Definition:
- The Independent Reviewer is an independent party with the expertise to understand and evaluate the activity that generates the conflict.

Exclusions:
The independent reviewer cannot:
- Be part of the investigative team
- Be a collaborator with the investigator(s) on other projects
- Be under employment control of the investigator(s)
- Be a relative of the investigator(s)
- Be affiliated with the study sponsor
- Have a significant financial interest, related to this study, as defined by EVMS policy located at: http://info.evms.edu/research/postdocs/complianceissue_/2005finalrevise/default.htm

Responsibilities:
Initial: Submit the following to the Conflict of Interest Committee:
- A resume or CV
- A brief paragraph that states he/she understands his/her responsibilities as an independent reviewer, including submitting an annual report (use Independent Reviewer Commitment form)
- Contact information

Annual: (the committee may request more frequent review)
- Review the research study to determine if it has been affected by the investigator’s conflict of interest. The independent reviewer should examine a representative sample to determine if the Conflict of Interest compromises the conduct of the research in any way. This includes review of:
  - Management plan
  - Subject selection
  - Data collection
  - Data analysis
  - Adherence to protocol
  - Other, as appropriate
- Submit a report to the Conflict of Interest Committee using the Independent Reviewer Annual Report form

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