

**The Carle Foundation
IRB Policy 1001**

Subject	Statement of Authority		
Approval	Dec 2006	Review	Sep 2010
		Revision	Jun 2009
Scope	This policy applies to all IRBs in the Carle Foundation Hospital system and to all research under the jurisdiction of the IRB(s).		
Purpose	To define the role of IRB in managing Protected Health Information.		

Statement of Policy

1. In the environment of research, it is essential to ensure the confidentiality of data and to protect the subjects' privacy. Since certain types of research require use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) and since the nature of the research may preclude the obtaining of Authorization from the research subject to use or disclose such information, it may be necessary to proceed with such research without an Authorization.

Carle Foundation Hospital has designated the Carle IRB to act as the Privacy Board for Carle Foundation Hospital. The Carle IRB, in its role as the Privacy Board, shall review, and if appropriate approve, revise or reject, all submissions of HIPAA Authorizations, and requests for HIPAA Authorization waivers in accordance with the Carle Foundation Hospital HIPAA policies.

The Carle IRB, if acting as the Privacy Board for an entity other than Carle Foundation Hospital, shall review, and if appropriate approve, revise or reject, all submissions of HIPAA Authorizations, and requests for HIPAA Authorization waivers in accordance with that entity's HIPAA policies and procedures.

Reference

Carle IRB Policies, " Health Information Privacy" (<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/index.html>)

Approval On File

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