

**The Carle Foundation
IRB Policy 407**

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| Subject | Certificates of Confidentiality | | | | |
| Approval | Dec 2006 | Review | Jun 2009 | Revision | Jun 2009 |
| Scope | These policies and procedures apply to all research studies conducted under the jurisdiction of the Carle IRB. | | | | |
| Purpose | To provide direction for the use of certificate of confidentiality. | | | | |

Statement of Policy

1. All information related to research should be protected from disclosure to the extent permitted by law, subject consent and study requirements. Information may be disclosed to the Sponsor and regulatory agencies, and as provided in the study informed consent and the HIPAA authorization. However, certain types of sensitive information need additional confidentiality protections. Certificates of Confidentiality, issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), protect sensitive information from disclosure, even in civil criminal, administrative, and legislative proceedings.

Specific Policies

1. It is the policy of the Carle IRB to support the use of Certificates of Confidentiality issued by the National Institutes of Health for research which collects particularly sensitive information.

Reference

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coc/>

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