



## INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

### SPHI IRB: History

#### **HISTORY:**

In 1996, St. Paul's Hospital of Iloilo, Inc. (SPHI) established its Ethics Committee, marking the beginning of its Bioethics Committee. On June 27, 2006, the Ethics Committee revised its policies for the comprehensive and efficient review of research involving human participants, ensuring that clinical research conformed to ethical and scientific standards, with informed consent and the freedom for participants to withdraw at any stage.

On November 1, 2007, the committee was renamed the St. Paul's Hospital Ethics Review Board (IERB), with members including Chairman Msgr. Paul Solomia, Co-Chair Dr. Jaime Manila, Secretary Joy Braza, and members Sr. Donatilla Torres, Atty. Luisito Hofilena, Dr. Levy Suyo, and Ms. Jemmayma Maybay. In 2008, Ms. Joan Marie Chiu replaced Ms. Joy Braza as IERB Secretary.


In January 2011, Msgr. Paul Solomia, Ms. Joan Marie Chiu, Sr. Donatilla Torres, Dr. Levy Suyo, and Ms. Jemmayma Maybay were reappointed, with Atty. Jose Mari Benjamin Tirol added as a new member. By August 2013, Sr. Rosamond Marie Abadesco, SPC hired Ms. Eden Shiz Parpa as a part-time staff, who became the full-time Office Secretary in November.

On July 15, 2013, new members were appointed, including Chairman Dr. Levy Suyo, Secretary Eden Shiz Parpa, and members Msgr. Paul Solomia, Dr. Jaime Manila, Mrs. Maria Thelma Servidad, Sr. Rowena Rodil, SPC, and Atty. Jose Mari Benjamin Tirol.

In July 2014, Sr. Henrietta Esmero, SPC replaced Sr. Rowena Rodil, SPC, and the committee was renamed the Institutional Review Board Committee.

On February 27, 2015, the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) requested accreditation applications, and SPHI applied for Level 3 Accreditation on April 30. By August 18, a new standard operating procedure (SOP) was approved, and Dr. Jaime Manila was appointed as Chair, with members including Dr. Rowena Cosca, Sr. Henrietta Esmero, SPC, Maria Thelma Servidad, Atty. Jose Mari Benjamin Tirol, Msgr. Paul Solomia, and Ms. Eden Shiz Parpa.

On October 24, 2015 the Administrator appointed Dr. Ma. Cecilia Divinagracia Florete (Gastroenterologist), Dr. Venerio Gasataya Jr. (Surgeon) and Mr. Christopher Tabsing (School Principal), as new members of the board. Likewise, Dr. Ma. Cecilia Divinagracia Florete was appointed Member-Secretary. On November 9, 2015 Msgr. Paul Solomia ended his term. With grateful hearts, the Administration and the IRB thanked Msgr. Paul for his commitment and dedication to the service of the IRB. On the same month, the Administrator hired Ms. Queenie Macalalag as clerk secretary to be with Sr. Maria Kristina Bergonia, SPC in the IRB.

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From February 17-19, 2016, PHREB conducted an accreditation visit. Following the visit, an action plan was created and sent to PHREB on March 29.

On May 13, 2016 Sr. Joselina R. Bonono, SPC replaced Sr. Ma. Kristina Bergonia, SPC, and on August 9, 2016 SPHI IRB received provisional Level III Accreditation. In January 2017, SOP version 3 was approved.

On August 9, 2017 SPHI IRB received a two-year Level III Accreditation, and on August 10, 2018 Sr. Edith Christine Aguirre, SPC replaced Sr. Henrietta Esmero, SPC. In April 2018, independent consultants were reappointed, with Dr. Ameer Lourdes Ponje added.

On May 19, 2018 Sr. Ma. Jessica Formacion, SPC replaced Sr. Edith Christine Aguirre, SPC.

In October 2018, SPHI IRB applied for Level III Re-accreditation, and SOP version 4 was approved. From March 12-15, 2019, PHREB conducted a re-accreditation visit, with the final report received on March 25. In June 2019, a statistician, Mrs. Ma. Romy Alexis Consulta, was appointed as new IRB member, and SOP 5th Edition was approved. In September 2019, PHREB granted a one-year Level 3 Accreditation, and SOP 7th Edition was approved on December, 2019 with Dr. Joselito Caso added as an Independent Consultant.

In 2020, Sr. Joselina Bonono, SPC was reassigned, and Sr. Ma. Jessica Formacion, SPC became the new IRB Office Manager. On January 13, 2021, the SPHI IRB received a two-year Level 3 Accreditation.

In April 2021, Sr. Gertrude Caryls Kuebler, SPC was appointed IRB Office Manager. By June 2022, she was reappointed as IRB Office Manager. In January 2023, the accreditation expired, but extensions were granted. From September 18-22, PHREB conducted an online accreditation.

In January 2024, Mrs. Maria Thelma Servidad was appointed as a lay-affiliate. In April 2024, Dr. Ronald Latap added as new IRB member, Mrs. Imelda L. Olaguer, Dr. Luis Serafin Thomas Dabao III were appointed as alternate members. Dr. Ken Hilario Lapastora III and Dr. Marie Hazel Ivy M. Mueño appointed as new independent consultants.