Indigenous Medicine Institutional Review Board

OVERVIEW

The Indigenous Medicine Investigational Review Board ("IMIRB") shall:

1. Support the practice of indigenous medicine by studying natural products and protocols that can be used to promote the health, safety and welfare of the constituents of, and members affiliated with, the United Cherokee Nation (UCN").
2. Review clinical applications for efficacy and safety.
3. Approve those clinical applications it finds to be qualified.
4. Verify applicants submitting applications are practitioners who have been licensed by Indigenous Medicine Board ("IMB") and have completed a training course in human subject research.
5. IMIRB shall consist of:

    a. At least one member who is a constituent of UCN;
    b. At least one member who is licensed by IMB; and
    c. At least one member who is a layperson.

6. IMIRB shall determine:

    a. Qualifications required for submission of clinical research;
    b. Safety and efficacy of natural substances, therapies, and other modalities;
    c. Clinical outcomes of clinical studies;
    d. Social impact of clinical studies
    e. Economic impact of clinical studies;
    f. Integrative relationship of indigenous medicine with other healthcare concepts.

7. IMIRB shall assist IMB in:

    a. Protecting indigenous medicine patients by exercising control of research studies using substances, therapies, and other modalities regulated by IMB; and
    b. Analyzing, coordinating, and integrating the diagnostics and treatments of indigenous medicine with other healthcare concepts.

8. IMIRB shall:

    a. Keep a record of all its transactions;
    b. Make annual reports to IMB;
    c. Provide UCN with reports upon request; and
    d. Make recommendations to IMB regarding:
        i. Health;
        ii. Safety; and
        iii. Welfare of UCN constituents.