

## Who Can Use the RECP?

All investigators, study personnel, and others involved in research at WFU may contact RECP.

Contact the RECP by emailing us:

[RECP@wfubmc.edu](mailto:RECP@wfubmc.edu)

We'll email or call you to see how we can help meet your needs.

You can also reach the RECP Team through the TSI web site, through the TRU facilitator service, and through the Research Support Core in the Office of Research.



## RECP ("Recipe")

Research Ethics Consultation is a new and growing area in academic medicine. Consultation is intended to be flexible and "user-friendly" for investigators, assisting them in working with the IRB and other oversight bodies by helping to identify and address relevant ethical issues in a timely manner.

Consultation can also offer a comprehensive ethical and policy perspective on a line of translational scientific inquiry, helping to anticipate issues and questions that could arise later.

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### Research Ethics Consultation Program (RECP)

*The RECP, offered through the Program in Bioethics, Health and Society, provides formal and informal consultation on ethical and policy issues in the design and conduct of translational research undertaken by investigators at all stages: laboratory, animal, and human studies.*

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# What's in the RECP for Me?

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**T**he RECP provides research ethics and policy consultation and education. RECP will also refer investigators to oversight bodies (such as the IRB or ACUC) when appropriate, and assist investigators in communicating with those bodies.

RECP will:

- Respond to questions about research ethics
- Provide case-based consultation to address specific questions and concerns arising in the development and conduct of research
- Assist investigators in addressing research ethics issues for IRB and / or grant applications

- Provide research ethics education on cases and issues arising from consultation
- Help with problem-solving, and provide advice and recommendations about ethics and policy issues, both for investigators and oversight bodies
- Help to serve as a bridge between investigators and oversight bodies, and help to bridge regulatory gaps when translational science raises novel issues
- Identify issues and questions appropriate for further policy examination

RECP will keep consultations confidential within the limits permitted by law.

RECP is advisory only, and will not tell investigators or others what to do.

**W**ho's in the RECP?

The core RECP team is: Nancy M.P. King, JD, Leader, Program in Bioethics, Health and Society; and Christine Nero Coughlin, JD, and Mark A. Hall, JD, Co-Leaders, Program in Bioethics, Health and Society. Other faculty and TSI members may be asked to serve as special consultants on particular questions. TSI trainees and WFU students may assist the RECP team in conducting scholarly research on consultation questions and planning research ethics education.

Carol Massa-Fanale, Program Administrator, serves as the RECP liaison. She may be contacted by email or phone if you have questions about RECP.