

NEVADA INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

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PURPOSE: Establishes an Institutional Review Board (IRB) that will monitor clinical research in complementary integrative medicine (CIM).

INTENT: A Nevada Institutional Review Board (NIRB) is necessary to approve, modify, or reject research in CIM. CIM diagnostics, treatments, and substances will be studied in a consistent manner to provide documentation for validity and safety through statistical analysis.

ORGANIZATION: NIRB is an appropriately constituted commission consisting of appointees from the Governor's Office, Senate Majority Leader, and Speaker of the House, and Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners. The commission primarily reviews and monitors biomedical research involving human subjects in Nevada. Such review serves an important role in the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The NIRB will be accountable to the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners ("The Board"). Although CIM may overlap with other healthcare areas, CIM is primarily the jurisdiction of the Board as defined by the 1997 legislature in NRS 630A.040 and NAC 630A.0125. Thus, this Amendment is most appropriately placed in NRS 630A.155, where the duties of the Board are outlined.

FUNDING: The Amendment authorizes the establishment of a 501(c)(3) in order for the NIRB to be privately funded. Grants, gifts, appropriations, and other donations are also permitted.

OBJECTIVES: The NIRB will assist the Board and the Legislature in defining, clarifying, and understanding the scope of practice for CIM in Nevada. Through the establishment of the NIRB, the following objectives will be accomplished:

1. Qualification guidelines for submission of research acceptable to NIRB will be established;
2. Safety, efficacy, reimbursement, and availability of diagnostic devices, substances, and other modalities used in CIM will be assessed;
3. Safety, efficacy, reimbursement, and availability of therapies used in CIM will be determined;
4. The clinical outcomes of the research studies will be evaluated;
5. The social impact of the research studies will be determined;
6. The economic impact of the research studies will be determined; and
7. The means for developing an integrative relationship of CIM with other healthcare concepts will become apparent.

RESULTS: Nevada citizens will have access to medical alternative devices, therapies, and substances that would otherwise be unavailable. As information becomes available, physicians and health care practitioners will better understand CIM, and the people of Nevada will benefit through additional protections provided through subsequent legislation resulting from NIRB activities. Industries supporting CIM will build facilities in Nevada, providing a significant increase in employment for Nevadans.

OUTCOME: Nevada will establish model guidelines in the efficacy, benefits, and safety of CIM.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Nevada Institutional Review Board is to:

1. Ensure that comprehensive and integrative medical diagnostics, treatments, and substances are studied in a consistent and fair manner;
2. Encourage ethical medical research and literature reviews of therapeutic options;
3. Support documentation for validity and safety of diagnostics, treatment protocols, and therapeutics by appropriate means of evaluation;
4. Review, and recommend where appropriate, safe and promising medical diagnostics, treatments, and substances;
5. Promulgate reasonable and rational practices of the art and science of medicine leading to the integration of efficacious diagnostics, therapeutics, and substances into all healing disciplines;
6. Establish model guidelines in the efficacy, benefits, and safety of comprehensive medicine;
7. Promote the health and well-being of Nevada citizens by ensuring that all safe and effective medical diagnostics, therapies, and substances are available for use;
8. Protect Nevada citizens from high risk and ineffective medical practices, treatments, and substances;
9. Provide information and access on healthcare choices to Nevada citizens; and
10. Develop a means for integrating collegiality among healthcare disciplines.