

**RESEARCH SUBJECTS INFORMATION  
UPDATED CUMC INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) CONTACT  
INFORMATION**

The Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a committee that independently conducts ongoing reviews of all research that is conducted at Columbia. The IRB is in place to protect research participants like you. The IRB is required by the federal government to ensure that each research study conforms to the following requirements before being approved:

- Risks to subjects are minimized.
- Risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to expected benefits, if any, to subjects, and the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.
- Selection of subjects is fair.
- Informed consent is obtained and appropriately documented from each participant.
- There is an acceptable plan for monitoring the data that is collected to ensure the safety of subjects
- There is an acceptable plan for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of the subjects

As a participant in this study, you previously signed an informed consent document that described the research purpose, procedures involved, voluntariness, risks, benefits, mechanisms to maintain confidentiality, and who to contact with questions about the research and about your rights as a research participant.

We are providing you with this notice because the administrative office of the IRB that reviews the research you are participating in has moved, on September 11, 2013.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the IRB. The new contact information is as follows:

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Institutional Review Board  
154 Haven Ave., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10032  
Phone: 212-305-5883  
Fax: 212-305-1316  
Email: [irboffice@columbia.edu](mailto:irboffice@columbia.edu)

If you have other questions about the research study, please do not hesitate to contact the research office at the phone number listed on your original consent form.