

**POLICY – ESCRO  
Committee Membership**

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**Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS)  
Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (ESCRO)**

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## **I. Introduction**

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) has established an Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) committee, which has the responsibility of oversight for all activities engaged in by UIC involving the use of human embryonic stem (hES) cells. This policy sets forth the ESCRO membership composition, appointment process and term of service.

## **II. ESCRO Committee Membership**

- A. The Vice Chancellor for Research (the Institutional Official) shall appoint the members of the ESCRO Committee.
- B. The UIC ESCRO committee composition will conform to the recommendations set forth in the NAS *Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research*. The Committee shall have, at a minimum, a chair; investigators with collective expertise in the areas of stem cell research, developmental biology, molecular biology, assisted reproduction, ethics and law; and a member unaffiliated with the UIC.
- C. The Vice Chancellor for Research may appoint alternate members to serve in the absence of regular voting members. The alternative voting member shall have the similar expertise as the regular voting member for whom he or she is serving as a replacement and shall assume all responsibilities of a voting member.
- D. Terms of appointment shall be for a period of three years and are renewable depending on the needs of the ESCRO Committee and the member's interest. Initial appointment terms may be for less than three years.
- E. To assist in the review of issues requiring expertise not possessed by the ESCRO committee, the ESCRO committee may seek, at its discretion, consultation from individuals with competence in areas of stem cell research or from individuals that represent community perspectives.

## **III. Appointment process**

- A. The Office for Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) shall manage the committee appointment process.
- B. At the time of appointment, ESCRO members shall meet all training requirements; provide the OPRS with a current curriculum vitae and contact information; and sign a confidentiality agreement.
- C. Committee member files will be maintained by the OPRS in conformity with UIC file retention practices.