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OHRP to Hold Exploratory Workshop on ‘Third-Party’ Research Risk

The HHS Office for Human Research Protections will hold a one-day “exploratory” workshop Sept. 24 to address risks that third parties may face and “potential protections” for them. Scheduled for 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., the workshop is designed to “provide a platform for open dialogue and exchange of ideas between stakeholders in the regulated community,” OHRP announced. The workshop will “identify third parties impacted by research and consider what types of risks they might face in a variety of studies”; “consider whether researchers and the research community have a responsibility, moral or otherwise, to protect third parties and, if so, in what capacity”; “review real-world examples for potential protections against research risks to third parties”; and “reflect on the role of institutional review boards (IRBs) for protecting third parties.”

The first of two sessions will address what is meant by third parties in research and the “rights and protections” they may merit. The second session will focus on whether IRBs “have a role in the review of third-party research risks.” Speakers and moderators include Leslie E. Wolf, Georgia State University College of Law and School of Public Health professor and former member of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections, and Daniel M. Hausman, research professor at Rutgers University’s Center for Population-Level Bioethics. The free workshop will be live-streamed, and registration is not required.

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