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Institutional Review Board

A committee designated to review, approve, and conduct periodic review of research involving human subjects.

The primary purpose of MCN IRB is to assure the protection of the rights and welfare of the human subjects, particularly migrant and seasonal farmworkers and other mobile, marginalized and vulnerable populations.

"*The MCN IRB truly understands migrant health and its many intricacies. They know what it will take for clinicians, clients of health centers and local health departments to be informed and to feel safe in participating in research.*" -George Davis, MD

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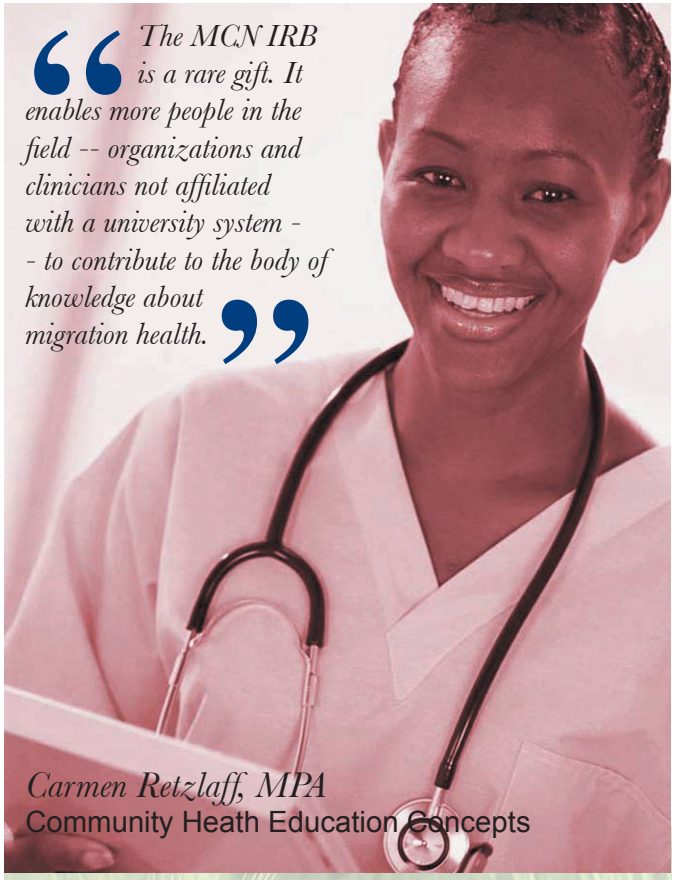
Experience

- Created in 1999
- Skilled in reviewing research protocols and consent documents
- Expertise in the ability to evaluate compliance with relevant regulations and ethical guidelines, particularly as they relate to working with mobile, underserved populations.
- As an independent IRB, MCN is not part of an institution such as an academic medical center or hospital. MCN can provide IRB services for single and multi-site studies within the United States and Puerto Rico.

Why an IRB with MCN

The MCN IRB committee is unique in that its members are as well versed in the institutional processes of research as any IRB at a major university. However, the MCN IRB also has a clear understanding of what is needed to work effectively with a low-literate, mobile population. The MCN IRB helps researchers develop a research design that takes into account the challenges of working with a mobile, underserved population while ensuring that the rights of participants to be fully informed and protected is not violated.



"The MCN IRB is a rare gift. It enables more people in the field -- organizations and clinicians not affiliated with a university system -- to contribute to the body of knowledge about migration health."

Carmen Retzlaff, MPA
Community Heath Education Concepts

How to Submit a Protocol to the IRB

The IRB meets monthly. All applications must be received by the IRB at least 2 months before the initiation of project or research activities. An IRB response to the application is available within 45 days of acceptance of the application for review. All projects submitted to the IRB will receive a set of recommendations that provide important advice and counsel on the protection of human subjects and research design.

We encourage all researchers to use this feature of the IRB to help ensure quality projects. A list of the complete application contents can be found on the MCN website at:
www.migrantclinician.org/excellence/research-IRB

"Working with the MCN IRB made me think more carefully about how to develop informed consent that works for migrant patients. In the end, with the IRB's guidance, I developed an innovative informed consent process aimed at low-literate, mobile populations. Most importantly I feel like the participants in this research project will have a very good idea of what the research is for and how it will be used as well as their rights as participants.."

Amy Liebman, MPA, MA
Environmental Health Consultant

To find out more about MCN's IRB please visit our website

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All the IRB forms are available to download online. You may also call us at 512-327-2017

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