

2010 POPULATION COUNCIL ADVISORY AND COLLABORATIVE BODIES

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Policymakers, program managers, and others concerned with population, reproductive health, and development turn to the Population Council for its rigorous research results that improve people's lives.

In its research, the Population Council aspires to the highest professional and ethical standards and has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence and integrity.

The Council requires that all studies (unless exempt) involving human subjects be reviewed by its Institutional Review Board (IRB) before research is initiated. The purpose of this review is to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of the individuals who participate as subjects in a study.

All Council investigators involved in studies that are reviewed by its IRB must provide proof of completion of a recent, approved ethical training course.

The Council's IRB has 12 members, whose expertise includes bioethics, biomedical engineering, demography, health care, HIV and AIDS, international relations, law, obstetrics/gynecology, physiology, public policy, regulatory affairs, and social psychology. It meets six times per year.

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The International Committee for Contraception Research (ICCR), established by the Population Council in 1970, is a network of distinguished scientists and clinical investigators who conduct clinical trials to test the safety, efficacy, and acceptability of Council-developed products.

Members of the ICCR and their staffs at cooperating universities and clinics work closely with staff at the Population Council's Center for Biomedical Research in design of delivery systems, prototypes, and clinical protocols for products under development. The clinics are selected for their commitment to reproductive health care and their track records in the conduct of clinical trials involving contraceptive products.

The ICCR collaborates with Population Council staff members, as well as researchers at the World Health Organization, Family Health International, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Research Councils of the various countries in which ICCR members reside.

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