The NUS-IRB hopes to keep our researchers updated on the latest ethical issues and problems occurring around the world. This will help us keep abreast of international best practices to ensure that research done in Singapore will be well accepted, scientifically and ethically. These news alerts will be issued as and when incidents are reported.

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NEW GUIDELINE:

NUS-IRB’s Guideline for the use of Deception and Incomplete Disclosure in Research

The NUS Institutional Review Board (IRB) recognizes that the use of deception and incomplete disclosure in research are both valuable research techniques, yet they present special challenges to researchers to ensure that research is conducted ethically.

This new guideline defines the standards, parameters and procedures to be adopted when deception and/or incomplete disclosure is to be used in research.

When the methodological requirements of a study necessitates deception or incomplete disclosure, the researcher is required to ensure the research subject’s understanding of the reasons for this action and to restore the quality of the relationship with the researcher. Hence, debriefing should be given to research subjects whether or not they complete the research.

The new guideline is available on the IRB’s website. Please contact the IRB Secretariat at 6516 4311 or 6516 7359 or email at irb@nus.edu.sg if you require further assistance or information.

About NUS-IRB

NUS Institutional Review Board (NUS-IRB) was established on 1st September 2003. This Board (also referred to as the Research Ethics Committee in some countries) will review, approve and monitor the ethical aspects of all NUS research projects that involve human subjects and human tissues/cells/data.

Its main objective is to protect the rights and welfare of human research subjects in research activities conducted by NUS students and researchers.

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