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# Conflicts of Interest in Human Subjects Research

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## Quiz Results

You correctly answered **5 of 5** quiz questions.

### Question 1

<b>Question</b>	A researcher's membership on an advisory board with an organization sponsoring research can create a COI because:
<b>Your Answer</b>	It may be difficult for the researcher to appear neutral, as the researcher may have an interest in the research's success
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	A researcher's membership on an advisory board of an entity sponsoring research can create a conflict of interest because there may be a perception that the researcher has a motive to bias the research to create an outcome that is favorable for the sponsor.

### Question 2

<b>Question</b>	During an Institutional Review Board (IRB) meeting, any IRB member who may have a potential COI with a study under review should:
<b>Your Answer</b>	Disclose their potential COI and may answer questions, but recuse themselves from voting
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	IRB policies and procedures generally specify that members with conflicts of interest related to an agenda item must disclose their conflicts of interest, and may answer questions from the IRB about the item with which they have a conflict, but are prohibited from voting on that item.

## Question 3

<b>Question</b>	The COI management plan aims to:
<b>Your Answer</b>	Provide procedures or extras steps to be taken to minimize the risk of bias when a COI is disclosed
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	A COI management plan is a document that explains the procedures or extra steps to be taken to minimize the risk of bias. The procedures or protections put into place to minimize the risk of bias are often called controls. Management plans are typically tailored to the study and the researcher's financial interests. Management plans are not designed to eliminate COIs, nor reduce IRB regulatory review burden. Although management plans may be used for single site or multi-center research, their aim is to provide controls not just address disclosure of COIs.

## Question 4

<b>Question</b>	What is the term for management controls that are built in to a research study (for example, independent data analysis)?
<b>Your Answer</b>	Inherent controls

**Result****Correct****Comment**

When developing conflict of interest management plans, COI committees typically examine the study design to determine whether it includes inherent controls that mitigate the researcher's opportunity to bias the research. Inherent controls may include independent data analysis, randomization, blinding, or low subject enrollment percentage at a local site for a large multi-center trial.

## Question 5

**Question**

An example of an individual financial COI is:

**Your Answer**

A researcher's spouse holds equity in a publicly traded pharmaceutical company that is also the sponsor of the researcher's study.

**Result****Correct****Comment**

An individual COI may arise when an individual has a personal or financial interest, which may affect or appear to affect the design, conduct, or reporting of the research.

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