The goal of the ClinTREC Service is to promote ethical conduct in research. Faculty and staff in the program pursue this goal by helping scientists and physician investigators identify practical solutions to ethical challenges.

Other Resources
Biomedical Ethics Program
bioethics@mayo.edu
507-538-6502

Research Subject Advocate
ResearchSubjectAdvocate@mayo.edu
507-266-9372

Office of Responsible Conduct of Research
Compliance Hotline 1-888-721-5391

Institutional Review Board (IRB)
irbservicecenter@mayo.edu
507-266-4000

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
IACUC@mayo.edu
507-773-1000

Contact Us
The ClinTREC Service is located in the CCaTS offices on Plummer 3.

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The ClinTREC Service is not a replacement for institutional or regulatory review bodies such as the IRB or FDA.
Overview
ClinTREC staff are available to assist researchers in managing ethical issues at all stages of research, from protocol development through the publication of research results. ClinTREC staff work with clinical researchers to develop recommendations based on existing institutional policies, national standards, ethical principles and scholarship.

Examples: Research ethics questions
• “I am the principal investigator for a clinical trial and would like to recruit subjects for this study from my practice. What precautions need to be taken to address potential conflicts of interest?”

• “What are the potential ethical issues associated with putting a human neuronal stem cell into the brain of a developing mouse embryo?”

• “I have completed a study looking at genetic variants associated with coronary artery disease. These variants are not routinely evaluated by cardiologists but may impact the health of volunteers in my study. Should I share these findings with my research subjects and, if so, what’s the best way to contact them?”

Quick Facts
• Available free-of-charge to clinical and translational researchers in any position—graduate student or medical student, postdoctoral or clinical fellow, consultant or research staff (including study coordinators, nursing staff, research technicians, and administrative staff).

• Scientists and clinical investigators can seek help at any stage of the research process, though investigators who think there may be complex ethical, social or policy issues related to their research are encouraged to make contact early in the research design process.

• Ongoing communication with ClinTREC staff can help researchers incorporate best practices into their research designs, potentially avoiding delays in obtaining research approvals or initiating subject recruitment.