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Conflicts of Interest

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- What is a Conflict of Interest?
 - Any circumstance where personal, professional, financial or other private interests of a person or institution has the potential to compromise professional judgement or obligations, or may be perceived as doing so.

- ARMC's Policy 202 for the IRB states that no IRB member will participate in the review and approval process in which the member has or may have a conflict of interest
- For example, and IRB board member will have no say or discussion in the approval of the study they are participating in

- Another common form of Conflict of Interest can be Financial
- A Financial Conflict of Interest is anything that has monetary value such as:
 - Consulting fees
 - Stocks
 - Patents
 - Trademarks
 - Copyrights

- If you are unsure if your research may be a conflict of interest it is best to reach out to the IRB or IRB Board Members
- Also, the Code of Federal Regulations Title 45 Part 46 is a good resource for more information for conflicts of interest
- These regulations are enforced to ensure that personal and financial interests don't compromise the rights and welfare of human research subjects