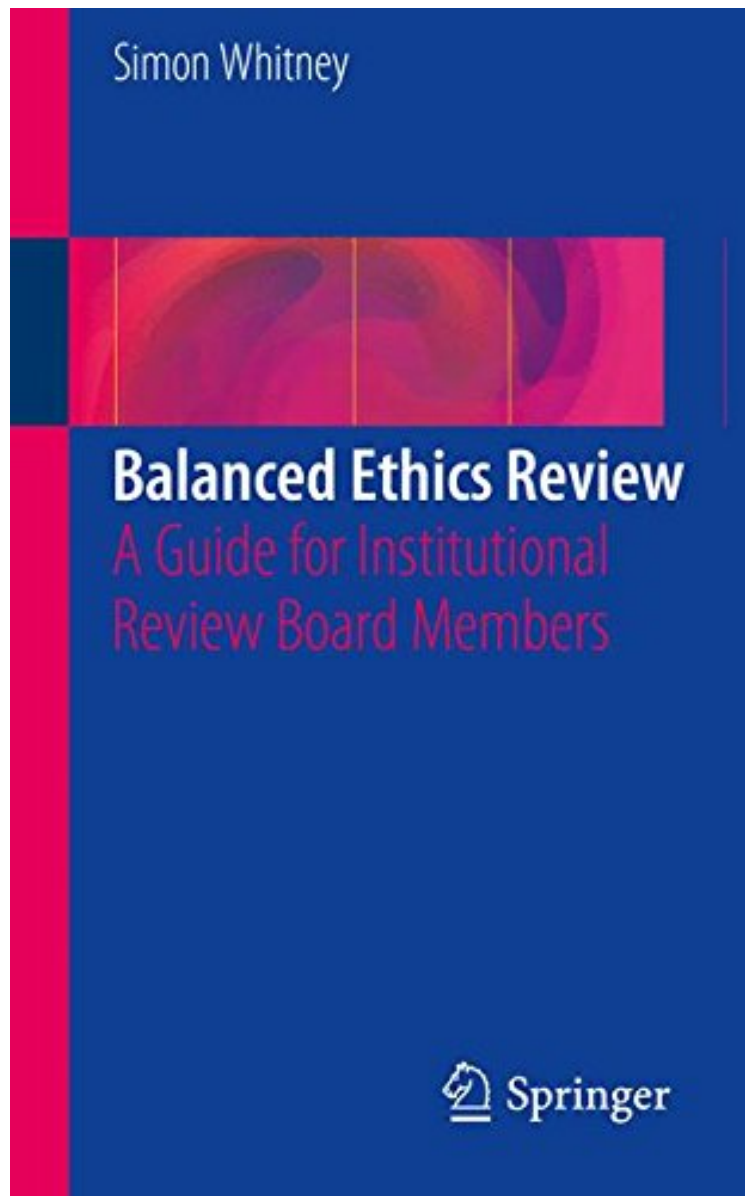


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Guide for Institutional Review Board Members:

This manual will help Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) conduct ethics review that balances the major moral considerations in research with human subjects. Current challenges in the IRB environment are addressed with arguments and insights from dozens of scholars. Useful to the IRB member at any level of experience, *Balanced Ethics Review* provides the necessary tools needed to create a systemic blueprint for promoting the research and dissemination of scientists and scholars within the standard norms of regulation.

The aim of this pocketbook-size manual is to assist Institutional Board (IRB) members and chairs to conduct ethics reviews by balancing the two major morally relevant considerations in health research. The book is written in easy-to-read language and would be understandable to all members of the IRB, including the lay member. (Ames Dhai, *South African Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 9 (2), November, 2016) This would be an extremely valuable read for future researchers in preparation of their research proposals and planning ethical issues which may present significant hurdles, particularly within the ever changing UK research ethics landscape. I found this book interesting, insightful and instructive for both a researcher and an ethics reviewer/board member. I thoroughly enjoyed reviewing this book. (Julie Hoole, *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, Vol. 54 (9), November, 2016) Simon Whitney's book is seasoned with a wealth of examples from US IRBs (Institutional Boards), many of the examples will be of interest to non-American readers as well. Whitney's book provided a very good basis for evaluating my own work at an ethics board, notwithstanding some differences, and it would provide a fantastic basis for discussion at a yearly, reflective retreat that every ethics board should have. (Ulrich Teucher, *British Journal of Psychology*, October, 2016) Dr. Whitney has put together a small guide for those who are contemplating joining the IRB. I found this guide to be a very useful read, even after many years of service on a local IRB. I believe that this manual is an indispensable introductory text for anyone considering serving on the IRB. It will certainly help both junior and more senior faculty members decide whether or not to accept the offer to join the IRB. (Richard Balon, *Academic Psychiatry*, October, 2016) *Balanced Ethics* is intended to be a guide for members of Institutional Boards those interdisciplinary committees that are tasked with reviewing the ethical probity of research involving human participants. *Balanced Ethics : A Guide for Institutional Board Members* is an insightful exposition of the curse of power tantalizing IRBS. (T. Christie, *Current Oncology*, Vol. 23 (5), October, 2016) It is written from within the American review system. But by openly discussing the difficulties of balancing ethical values, and by bringing to the fore how research ethics functions as balance ethics, the book has greater universality. (Pr Segerdahl, *The Ethics Blog*, ethicsblog.crb.uu.se, June, 2016) *Balanced Ethics : A Guide for Institutional Board Members* is a remarkable mini-handbook for IRB members. It offers principles and policies to guide IRB members in their deliberations, some of which are not universally supported. The book is thus very useful not just for beginners but also for experienced IRB professionals seeking a conceptual structure for their work. (Norman M. Goldfarb, *Journal of Clinical Research Best Practices*, Vol. 12 (5), May, 2016) Whitney has done serious research work, and has included relevant practical experience. There is no doubt it is a good IRB manual and must read balanced review book. (Iva Rini, *JAHN European Journal of Bioethics*, Vol. 7 (13), 2016) From the Back Cover As an Institutional Board (IRB) member, you must balance two interests. Your committee protects subjects and it permits the research that improves our health and lives. *Balanced Ethics*, drawing on basic principles of ethics and regulation, explains how to conduct this balancing task. It does not always provide the answer to knotty questions that is your job but it suggests a way of thinking, one that will help you reach morally-justified decisions that respect both subject welfare and our shared need for the fruits of research. About the Author Simon N. Whitney, MD, JD Associate Professor and William O'Donnell and Regina O'Donnell Chair in Family Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine Associate Professor, Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy Baylor College of Medicine Houston, TX USA.