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## Notification of IRB Review

### Protocol #: 2021P002109

Date: August 20, 2021

To: Sarpatwari, Ameet, Ph.D, JD  
BWH  
Mass General Brigham > BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology

From: Mass General Brigham IRB  
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Title of Protocol: Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Programs to Promote Appropriate Medication Use and Knowledge: Physician Surveys on Experiences with REMS Programs

Version/Number: V1

Version Date: 08/17/2021

Sponsor/Funding/Support : Proposal Title: Risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) programs to promote appropriate medication use and knowledge

Principal Investigator: Sarpatwari, Ameet

Immediate Sponsor: Food & Drug Administration (Contracts)

Award Number: 75F40120C00044

Fund #: 123748

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IRB Review Type: Expedited

Expedited Category/ies: (7) Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies. (Note: Some research in this category may be exempt from the HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects. 45 CFR 46.101 (b)(2) and (b)(3). This listing refers only to research that is not exempt.)

IRB Approval Date: 08/20/2021

Approval/Activation Date: 08/20/2021



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**Next Review:** Continuing Review  
**IRB Expiration Date:** 08/20/2022

This project has been reviewed and approved by the **Mass General Brigham IRB**. During the review of this project, the IRB specifically considered (i) the risks and anticipated benefits, if any, to subjects; (ii) the selection of subjects; (iii) the procedures for obtaining and documenting informed consent; (iv) the safety of subjects; and (v) the privacy of subjects and confidentiality of the data.

Please note that if an IRB member had a conflict of interest with regard to the review of this project, consistent with IRB policies and procedures, the member was required to recuse him/herself and, if applicable, leave the room during the discussion and vote on this project except to provide information requested by the IRB.

**The following changes to the study staff have been reviewed and approved by the MGB IRB. No further action is required.**

**Study Staff Added:**

- Brown, Beatrice, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Research Assistant
- Feldman, William, MD, D.PHIL, MPH, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Co-Investigator
- Kesselheim, Aaron, MD, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Co-Investigator
- Lee, Su Been, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Research Assistant
- Mitra-Majumdar, Mayookha, Mass General Brigham, Regulatory Coordinator/Manager
- Sarpatwari, Ameet, Ph.D, JD, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Principal Investigator
- Zakoul, Heidi, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology, Research Assistant

**Non-study Staff Added:**

- Bessette, Lily, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology
- Garrison, Rylie, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology
- Seton, Lewis, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology
- Tekle, Winta, BWH > Medicine > Pharmacoepidemiology

**Financial Delegate:**

- Fund #123748 - Sarpatwari, Ameet

The following documents were reviewed and approved by the IRB. A PDF document listing all documents reviewed and approved by the IRB is available via the “Download” button in Insight.

**Protocol Summary** 08/17/2021  
**Detailed Protocol** 08/17/2021, V1

**ANCILLARY COMMITTEES**



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- 1. Nursing (BWH) : Approved**
- 2. MCA (MGB) : Review not needed**

As Principal Investigator, you are responsible for ensuring that this project is conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, institutional policies, and requirements of the IRB, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Submission of any and all proposed changes to this project (e.g., protocol, recruitment materials, consent form, status of the study, etc.) to the IRB for review and approval prior to initiation of the change(s), except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subject(s). Changes made to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects must be reported to the IRB as an unanticipated problem.
2. Submission of a continuing review submission or institutional status report as required by the IRB and/or institution to continue the research, and submission of a final report when the project has been closed or completed.
3. Submission of any and all unanticipated problems, including adverse event(s) in accordance with the IRB's policy on reporting unanticipated problems including adverse events.
4. Obtaining informed consent from subjects or their legally authorized representative prior to initiation of research procedures when and as required by the IRB and, when applicable, documenting informed consent current IRB approved consent form(s) with the IRB-approval stamp in the document footer.
5. Informing all investigators and study staff listed on the project of changes and unanticipated problems, including adverse events, involving risks to subjects or others.
6. When investigator financial disclosure forms are required, submitting updated financial disclosure forms for yourself and for informing all site responsible investigators, co-investigators and any other members of the study staff identified by you as being responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of this research study of their obligation to submit updated Investigator Financial Disclosure Forms for this protocol to the IRB if (a) they have acquired new financial interests related to the study and/or (b) any of their previously reported financial interests related to the study have changed.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: THE IRB HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

Questions related to this project may be directed to [IRB@partners.org](mailto:IRB@partners.org)

cc:

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