



*Improving Cancer Care
Through Research and Education*

ROI Research Value Statement:

Through the ROI research ethical standards (below), the ROI Research Committee adheres to and promotes the highest ethical standards in research using valid methodologies and objectivity in advancing and performing research about the treatment of cancer with radiation therapy.

Ethical Standards of ROI Research

Confidentiality: Protect and maintain confidential data and communications associated with an ROI research project. If research participants are promised that only aggregate data will be reported, NO company or individual data will be identified or reported. The ROI will ensure that any third party vendor will abide by these standards as well.

Respect for Intellectual Property: Honor patents, copyrights and other forms of intellectual property. Do not use unpublished data, methods or results without permission. Give credit where credit is due.

Conflict of Interest: Anyone with oversight over, or involvement in conducting ROI research projects, must disclose and sign a statement about any potential conflicts of interest, including personal or financial interests that may affect research. This policy applies to the ROI Board of Trustees, the ROI Research Committee, staff members and any third party vendors.

Objectivity: Strive to avoid bias in experimental design, data analysis, data interpretation, peer review, grant writing and other aspects of research where objectivity is required.

Credibility of Results: Results from ROI research are replicable, defensible and supported by the data which is gathered in systematic, generally accepted procedures for sampling, analyzing and reporting.

Legality: Know and obey relevant laws and institutional and governmental policies.

Documentation of Research Process: Keep good records of research activities, such as data collection, research design and correspondence with agencies or journals.

Honesty: Strive for honesty in all communications. Honestly report data, results, methods, procedures and publication status. Do not fabricate, falsify or misrepresent data. Do not deceive colleagues, granting agencies or the public.

Social Responsibility: Strive to promote social good and prevent or mitigate social harms through research, public education, and advocacy.