

MEMORANDUM

Office of the Provost

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To: Academic Deans
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From: Cornelius W. Sullivan



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Subject: **USC Office for the Protection of Research Subjects Established
Dr. Susan L. Rose, Executive Director**

Research using human subjects provides vital medical and scientific benefits to individuals and society. The need for this research does not, however, outweigh the need to protect individual rights and interests. At USC, this obligation to research subjects is undertaken with the goal of making the USC Human Subjects Protection (USC HSP) program as exemplar- and nationally recognized as USC research. To achieve this goal, USC has established a new office, the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) and has hired as Executive Director, Dr. Susan L. Rose, formerly the Human Subjects Protection Program Manager at the U.S. Department of Energy. Dr. Rose, a recognized leader in human subjects issues at the national level, now brings her energy and enthusiasm to USC.

Among the short term goals of Dr. Rose and the OPRS are accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Subjects Protection Programs and assuring excellence for human subjects programs across the university. Longer term goals include a university wide research ethics program and other educational programs designed to assure that the USC HSP is compliant with the ever changing ethical and regulatory requirements.

Dr. Rose and the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects will reside in Stonier Hall (STO), Room 221, MC: 4019. OPRS can be contacted by phone (213) 821-1154, fax (213) 740-9299, or email at oprs@usc.edu.

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