302.1 Addendum to Human Research Protections Program Policy

1.1 Investigators as Study Participants (Self-Experimentation)

Federal regulations require investigators to personally conduct or supervise research investigations. In cases where investigators are enrolled in their own trial, there exists an inherent conflict in reporting unanticipated events and ensuring data integrity with the degree required for credible investigations. In addition, it is possible that the ideation of a novel concept may outweigh an investigator's concern for his or her personal welfare. In light of these potential ethical issues, Pennington Biomedical Research Center does not allow an investigator to enroll in a research study in which he or she is an investigator.