

George Gasparis

Bio Sketch

George Gasparis is the Asst. Vice President and Sr. Asst. Dean for Research Ethics at Columbia University Medical Center. He also serves as the Executive Director, Human Subjects Protection Program for both Columbia University and Columbia University Medical Center. In this capacity, he is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive human subjects protection program and for the administration for four IRBs at Columbia University. Prior to his arrival at Columbia University in June 2003, Mr. Gasparis was the Director for the Division of Assurances and Quality Improvement at the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). He started at OHRP (at that time OPRR) in 1996 as an Assurance Coordinator. Mr. Gasparis also has had prior experience with IRBs. He was the Director, Office of Human Research at The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) from 1991 –1996. In that capacity he served as the administrator for the GWU Medical Center IRB, Director of the Research Pharmacy, and also served on the behavioral IRB for the university. Mr. Gasparis also has had extensive experience with clinical trials. From 1980 until 1991, he was employed at the GWU Lipid Research Clinic and served as the Data Manager from 1984 to 1991. During his tenure as Data Manager he managed over 40 clinical trials, including NIH awards and studies for 10 different pharmaceutical companies. Mr. Gasparis is a graduate of GWU. He received his CIP in 2003. He was born in Northern Virginia and moved to New Jersey in August 2003.

Mr. Gasparis has been an ARENA member since 1991. He has presented at many ARENA conferences since 1995. As ARENA council member he will work to enhance networking among IRB professionals in the Northeast region for the purposes of resolving common challenges, drafting challenging SOPs, and improving standards of practice for IRBs and the protection of human subjects in research. Mr. Gasparis will also work to increase input from the Northeast region in ARENA's lobbying efforts and responses to federal agencies.