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FAQ Topic: Role of ACOS/R&D and the R&D Committee

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Question: Can the Deputy ACOS/R&D serve as a Chair or a voting member of the R&D Committee or any of its subcommittees such as the SRS, the IACUC, the IRB, or other subcommittee established by the VA facility?

Answer: No. The Deputy ACOS/R&D cannot serve as a Chair or a voting member of the R&D Committee or any of its subcommittees. The Deputy ACOS/R&D is a research administrative position and as with other members of research administration such as the Administrative Officer/R&D, or the R&D Committee Administrator, serving on the R&D Committee/subcommittee would place them in conflict between the duties of their position and the responsibilities of the committees. (Original Post Date: April 16, 2012)