General Research Ethics Board (GREB) Guidelines for Breaking Participant Confidentiality


“**Article 5.1** Researchers shall safeguard information entrusted to them and not misuse or wrongfully disclose it. Institutions shall support their researchers in maintaining promises of confidentiality.”

“**Application:** The ethical duty of confidentiality must, at times, be balanced against competing ethical considerations or legal or professional requirements that call for disclosure of information obtained or created in a research context.”

**The Office of Research Ethics must be informed when researchers breach participant confidentiality in accordance with Article 5.1. These breaches of confidentiality need to be detailed on an Adverse Event Form within three business days of the breach.**