



## **Harrison IRB Receives Full AAHRPP<sup>®</sup> Accreditation**

**LONDON — March 12, 2010** — Harrison IRB was awarded AAHRPP<sup>®</sup> Accreditation status by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. <sup>®</sup>

“Obtaining accreditation of our human research protection program has been the utmost priority of Harrison IRB, since the start of the company”, said President of Harrison IRB, C. Michael Ambuske. “Our decision to participate in the accreditation process demonstrates that as an organization, we are committed to providing high standards of ethical review.”

The process for accreditation included the review of Harrison IRB’s standard operating procedures (SOPs), processes and resources, as well as interviews of staff, sponsors and sites to determine the our level of knowledge and experience. The program includes an intense review of 77 key areas pertaining to human subject research protection.

“As the lead assigned to facilitate that AAHRPP<sup>®</sup> submission, I have been involved in every aspect of the process. I have been extremely pleased with the outcome of our submission, which has only confirmed that our board and staff are very enthusiastic and committed to their roles for research participant safety,” states Christina Billias, Director of Compliance.

Harrison IRB will continually review its program to maintain the integrity and high standards of the company’s processes and procedures. AAHRPP<sup>®</sup> requires an annual report of Harrison IRB’s program as well as requires a resubmission for reaccreditation every three years.

Harrison IRB is an independent review board that provides a thorough review of research projects in a timely, efficient manner while enhancing the quality of ethical oversight required by the FDA and other regulatory agencies. The company offers a wide range of services designed to improve the IRB process and focuses on customer-service, quality and training.

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