

FPRN[®] Advisory Board Policy

A. FPRN[®] Advisory Board

1. *Purpose and functions:* The Advisory Board consists of a small, core group of mentors who have agreed to provide oversight and guidance specific to each subgroup within the FPRN[®]. The Advisory Board has the overall responsibility of making sure the subgroup of the FPRN[®] is functioning as an effective and productive group. These functions include but are not limited to:

- I. Providing guidance to the Steering Committee and to the appropriate subgroup within FPRN[®] membership during conference calls and meetings, particularly in study planning and protocol development.
- II. Reviewing, editing, and suggesting changes to proposals that have not yet begun as FPRN[®] projects.
- III. Providing advice to the FPRN[®] Steering Committee regarding the administration, functioning and business of the relevant FPRN[®] subgroup
- IV. Attending quarterly FPRN[®] Steering Committee meetings pertinent to the relevant FPRN[®] subgroup. If unable to consistently attend these meetings, they may be asked to step down from the Advisory Board.

2. *Organization and Membership:* The FPRN[®] is under the guidance of the SGS Research Committee and as such, the Advisory Board activities are under the supervision of the SGS Research Committee and SGS Board of Directors. The AUGS-SGS Group of FPRN[®] is also under the guidance of the AUGS Scientific Committee. The members of the Advisory Board include:

- I. The SGS Research Committee Chair and a representative from any outside collaborating organization (such as SGS or AAGL) will jointly serve in the role of Co-Chairs of the FPRN[®] Advisory Board for the relevant subgroup of the FPRN[®].
 - For the AUGS-SGS Group of the FPRN[®] the Co-Chairs are the SGS Research Committee Chair and the Associate Chair, Liaison to the FPRN[®]
- II. The Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board are responsible for communication between the FPRN[®] and leadership of SGS or the relevant outside collaborating organization.
- III. Founding Members of the FPRN[®] are recognized as permanent members of the Advisory Board: Drs. Joseph Schaffer, Steve Young, Linda Brubaker, Loir Lowenstein, Rebecca Rogers, Kimberly Kenton, Rajiv Gala and Janet Hardy.
- IV. All current members of the SGS Research Committee
- V. Advisory Board Membership has a term of three years. There is no limit to the number of terms as long as member is actively involved in the FPRN[®].

B. FPRN[®] Faculty Advisors

1. *Purpose and functions:* The Advisors consists of all mentors who have agreed to provide oversight and guidance to specific FPRN[®] projects. These functions include but are not limited to:

1. Faculty mentorship on individual FPRN[®] projects, including guiding fellow PIs and fellow investigators in the development, changing (under suggestion from the Advisory Board and Steering Committee), initiating, recruiting for, analyzing data for, and disseminating a project.
2. Attending FPRN[®] bi-annual in-person or virtual meetings relevant to their subgroup.