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**SECTION: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**AREA: SPONSORED RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION**

**SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE ON CLINICAL RESEARCH**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the duties and responsibilities of the UAMS Committee on Clinical Research (“CCR”).

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all UAMS clinical research. UAMS Clinical Research is clinical research that involves any of the following:

1. UAMS faculty, staff or students;
2. UAMS owned assets (e.g. facilities, equipment and property);
3. Clinical services provided by UAMS; or
4. Research grants, contracts or agreements awarded to or subject to the control of UAMS.

Clinical Research is defined as any systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalized knowledge involving human subjects.

### **POLICY**

The UAMS Committee on Clinical Research shall have the following specific duties:

1. The Committee shall contribute to strategic planning related to clinical research at the institution.
2. The Committee will assist in developing priorities for the expenditure of institutional resources related to the Campus’ clinical research mission.
3. The Committee will recommend guidelines and procedures for utilizing existing institutional resources for clinical research.
4. The Committee will review and make recommendations pertaining to institutional policies, rules, and guidelines related to clinical research conducted at UAMS.
5. The Committee will promote collaboration of clinical research services at UAMS and incorporate available resources throughout the University.
6. The Committee will review, periodically, the effectiveness with which the broad clinical research objectives of the Campus are being achieved.
7. The Committee will support, and periodically review, continuing education opportunities and outreach activities for research professionals and the public about the clinical research process to promote efficiency, quality, and integrity that will enhance protection for research volunteers.
8. The Committee will communicate regularly and consistently with Faculty and Administrators on campus and promote Faculty awareness of University policies and resources.
9. The Committee will foster mentoring for new and lesser experienced researchers.

## **PROCEDURES**

The UAMS Committee on Clinical Research will report their recommendations to the Chancellor through the Vice Chancellor for Research.

The UAMS Committee on Clinical Research shall consist of the following members:

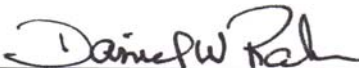
1. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Dean of the College of Health Related Professions.
2. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Dean of the College of Medicine.
3. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Dean of the College of Nursing.
4. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Dean of the College of Pharmacy.
5. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Dean of the College of Public Health.
6. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Jones Eye Institute.
7. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Myeloma Institute.
8. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Psychiatric Research Institute.
9. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Reynolds Institute on Aging.
10. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Stephens Spine Institute.
11. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.
12. A faculty member with clinical research experience recommended by the Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR).

The term of office for each member identified by position is three (3) years, with the exception that the initial appointments to the Committee shall be for two (2), three (3), and four (4) years to achieve a balance where roughly one-third of the membership is replaced in any one year. For initial appoints, members identified as #1, 4, 7 and 10 will be appointed for two (2) years, members identified as #2, 5, 8, and 11 will be appointed for three (3) years and members identified as #3, 6, 9, and 12 will be appointed for four (4) years.

The following positions shall serve as ex officio members with full voting rights.

1. The Vice Chancellor for Research.
2. The Director of the Institutional Review Board.
3. The Research Compliance Officer.
4. The Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

The Chancellor, with the advice and counsel of the Vice Chancellor for Research, shall appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman from the Committee members.

Signature: 

Date: May 11, 2011