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SUBJECT: Authority of the Committee

As outlined in the UAMS Human Research Protections Program Plan, the IRB has the authority to:

1. Approve, disapprove, or require modifications of all Human Research activities;
2. Require progress reports from the investigators and oversee the conduct of the studies;
3. Suspend or terminate approval of an ongoing study;
4. Reopen terminated/closed protocols;
5. Observe or have a third party observe the consent process and the research

In order to approve Human Research, the IRB shall determine that all of requirements outlined in IRB Policy 7.1 are satisfied.

In its review of Human Research, the IRB has jurisdiction over all aspects of the research including, but not limited to:

Methods of identifying potential subjects

Methods proposed for contacting potential subjects

Materials to recruit subjects and proposed compensation

Pilot studies

Proposals to use or provide stored blood, tissues, or confidential data

Surveys and questionnaires

The informed consent process and forms

Surveys, questionnaires, and any other research-related materials that will be seen by the subject

The protocol and summary of the research

Evaluation of risks and benefits to subjects

Unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects

Proposed changes to the research

Continuing reviews

Use of investigational drugs and devices in emergencies

Humanitarian use of drugs and devices

Eligibility for exemption or expedited review

No Human Research project may begin until IRB approval has been received. Human Research approved by the IRB may be subject to further review by other institutional committees or officials. The institution where the research will be conducted retains the right to disapprove any research covered by these policies. However, an institution may not approve any research that the UAMS IRB has disapproved or declined.