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**SUBJECT: To the UAMS Office of Research Compliance**

The UAMS Office of Research Compliance (ORC) coordinates UAMS' comprehensive research compliance program. The ORC demonstrates UAMS' commitment to human subject protection through oversight and education promoting the responsible conduct of research. The ORC also investigates allegations of noncompliance and advises the IRB on regulatory issues. ORC reports to the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Compliance (VCIC) and works cooperatively with, but is independent of, the UAMS IRB.

The research compliance program applies to all research approved by the UAMS IRB and conducted by its faculty, staff, students, residents and other affiliated agents, including volunteer faculty who utilize university resources or personnel. ORC will coordinate compliance efforts on behalf of the UAMS administration at Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute and other institutions using the UAMS IRB.

Audits of research studies and IRB Operations will be conducted by ORC auditing staff as described in ORC policy. The IRB or IRB director may request ORC audits or other auditing activities. All audit proceedings, audit reports, memoranda or other data are confidential. ORC audit reports will normally be provided to the IRB for its review. The IRB may request ORC involvement in audit-related remediation activities.

Subject complaints regarding research participation may be forwarded to the ORC when ORC participation in investigating the complaints is required.

The ORC also may serve as a liaison between the IRB and federal regulatory agencies.