



UAMS IRB Chairman Dr. Jimmie Valentine Retiring from ACH and UAMS after 18 Years of Service

Dr. Jimmie Valentine retires from ACH and UAMS effective July 15, 2008 where he has practiced since July 1990. In his retirement, he is looking forward to traveling with his wife and spending time with their three children and seven grandchildren.



*Jimmie L. Valentine, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics
Chairman UAMS IRB*

Dr. Valentine, Professor of Pediatrics in the ACH Section of Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Professor in the UAMS Department of Pharmacology, has been the Chairman of the UAMS Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the past five years. During this time, he oversaw nearly 1,800 active protocols,

averaging 130-150 items on a weekly agenda.

In a recent interview, he said that it's "been a wonderful experience" and that "the quality of people serving as IRB reviewers has been outstanding". Starting

July 1, there will be 5 new IRB Chairs.

Dr. Valentine and his wife, Dr. Carrie Valentine, have three children: a son, Randall, a Finance Professor at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia; a son, Jimmie Jr., the manager of the AT&T Call Center in Jackson, Mississippi; and a daughter, Valerie, a Neurologist in Newport Beach, California.

An experienced pilot, Dr. Valentine and his pilot wife plan on living in Gulfport, Mississippi and flying across the country visiting their children and grandchildren.

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Compliance Tips from the UAMS Office of Research Compliance

Pencils fade, but pens last forever. That's a good rule to keep in mind when collecting study data. Use a pen, not a pencil, to complete source documents and case report forms. Pencil marks fade over time and could also be erased or changed, but writing in nonerasable pen

creates a permanent record that can't be changed without documenting the change.

Occasionally, there may be an exception, such as a computer-read survey instrument that must be completed in pencil, and it's OK to use pencil in those cases. Signatures

should always be original and in pen – don't allow the use of pencils or signature stamps.

Questions? Call the UAMS Office of Research Compliance at 686-8062 or 526-6270.



Meet one of the New IRB Chairs...

**Louanne Lawson,
PhD, RN, FAAN,
DF-IAFN**

**Associate Professor
College of Nursing**



*Dr. Louanne Lawson
New IRB Chair
Third Week Committee*

Having a background of working with vulnerable subjects has made Dr. Louanne Lawson more sensitive to the issues people face when they are trying to make a decision about participating in human research studies. "It makes me look at the studies from the participants' point of view as well as from the scientific perspective," said Dr. Lawson in a recent interview.

A native of Northwest Arkansas, Dr. Lawson received a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing in 2000. An Associate Professor in the UAMS College of Nursing, she is Chair of the College of Nursing Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council. She has also worked on several grants, research studies, and publications in recent years involving issues such as child abuse, sexual offenders, and violence against women.

Dr. Lawson has been with UAMS since 1993 and has been an IRB member for the past seven years. Effective July 1, Dr. Lawson will be one of five new IRB Chairs, replacing Dr. Jimmie Valentine who retires in July 2008.

In addition to her duties with the IRB and classes that she teaches in the College of Nursing, Dr. Lawson also is an active member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses and serves as Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Forensic Nursing*. This journal publishes four times a year and she oversees 40 reviewers, including Forensic Pathologists, Physicians, Lawyers, and Criminologists.

Dr. Lawson, an active yoga practitioner, credits yoga by helping her stay balanced. She has been teaching yoga classes since 2005 and currently teaches two days a week at the Barefoot Studio in Little Rock.

June/July/August 2008 Education Calendar

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

ACHRI Intramural Grant Program: Focus on the CUMG Grant Program

Brandon North A and B (ACHRI)

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Contact John Gregan of ACH at 364-6296 for more information

Monday, July 28, 2008

Essentials of Quality Human Subject Research Training for New Coordinators and Investigators

Spine Center
JTS Hamlen Board Room
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Record Keeping and Regulatory Binders

CRS Course

Presented by Sandy Annis,
Regulatory Research Supervisor,
CRDM

Biomedical 1 Building

Room 205/207

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Thursday, August 14, 2008

Part 11 Compliance Q & A Course

Presented by Dr. Ray Anderson

Biomedical 1 Building

Room 205/207

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, August 21, 2008
Reporting Adverse Events

Q & A Course

Presented by Tracie Baker
Monitoring Manager, RSC

Biomedical 1 Building

Room 205/207

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For more information about the UAMS courses, contact Education Manager Crystal Hunnicutt, M.Ed. at 501-526-6879 or chunnicutt@uams.edu.

Retirement

★ Party! ★

Drop in from
12-2 on Friday,
June 20th for light
hors d'oeuvres
and to wish him
farewell!

UAMS Biomedical
One Building,
2nd floor Atrium

IRB
Chairman,
Dr. Jimmie
Valentine
is Retiring

Hosted by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

New and Revised IRB Policies

Here are links to 2 new IRB Policies and 15 revised IRB policies for your convenience.

The new policies are:

[12.5 \(Reports of Potential Non-compliance\)](#) (Effective Date: March 5, 2008)

[12.6 \(Findings of Non-compliance Under IRB Policy 12.5\)](#). (Effective Date: March 5, 2008)

The revised policies are:

[1.4 Studies Requiring Review](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[2.6 Reporting to Appropriate Federal Oversight Bodies, Institutional Officials and Research Sponsors](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[7.4 Standard or Full Committee Review](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[7.6 Continuing Review](#) (Revised Date March 5, 2008)

[8.1 Changing Study Protocol/Modifications to Previously Approved Research](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[9.1 Range of IRB Decisions](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[10.2 Unanticipated Problems Involving Risks to Participants or Others—Investigator Reporting Requirements and IRB Actions](#) Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[12.4 Non-compliance with Human Research Protection Program Requirements—Formal Audit Reports as Finding of Non-compliance](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[15.1 Elements of Informed Consent Documents and Process](#) (Revised Date: May 13, 2008)

[15.3 Waivers of Signed Informed Consent Documents and Waivers of Informed Consent Elements](#) (Revised Date: March 13, 2008)

[15.5 The Informed Consent Process](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[17.1 Children in Research](#) (Revised June 11, 2008)

[17.8 Pregnant Women, Human Fetuses and Neonates Involved in Research](#) (Revised March 13, 2008)

[18.3 \(Emergency Use of a Drug or Biologic \(Source FDA Information Sheets Guidance for Institutional Review Boards and Clinical Investigators 1998 Update\)](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

[18.4 \(Emergency Use of an Unapproved Medical Device \(Source FDA Information Sheets Guidance for Institutional Review Boards and Clinical Investigators 1998 Update\)](#) (Revised Date: March 5, 2008)

These IRB Policies can be found at the IRB website [IRB Standard Operating Policies and Procedures](#). The IRB Policies can be viewed individually or in a full version. Archived IRB Policies are also available online. For more information, call the IRB main number at 686-5667 or Tim Atkinson at 686-8845.