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SUBJECT: Authority of the Committee

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 research, the IRB shall determine that all of requirements outlined in IRB Policy 7.1 are satisfied.

In its review of human participant 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

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

Human participant research approved by the IRB may be subject to further review by other institutional committees or officials. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences retains the right to disapprove any research covered by these policies. However, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may not approve any research if it has not been approved by the IRB.