

**Department:** UAMS Institutional Review Board  
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**SUBJECT: To Other Institutions**

Cooperative research projects are those which involve more than one institution. In the conduct of cooperative research projects, each institution is responsible for safeguarding the rights and welfare of human subjects and for complying with this policy. With the approval of the department or agency head, an institution participating in a cooperative project may enter into a joint review arrangement, rely upon the review of another qualified IRB, or make similar arrangements for avoiding duplication of effort (45CFR46.114; 38CFR16.114).

The IRB reviews research involving human subjects, regardless of sponsorship, for, but not limited to, the following institutions:

- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
- Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH)
- Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI)
- Central Arkansas Veteran's Healthcare System (CAVHS)
- Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)

Unless a legal component of UAMS, each institution that relies upon the UAMS IRB must apply for and receive its own Federalwide Assurance. In addition, the outside institution must enter into an IRB authorization agreement with UAMS.