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

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 Human Subject Research that the UAMS IRB has disapproved or declined.