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**SUBJECT: International Research**

All transnational Human Subject Research submitted to the UAMS IRB shall be reviewed according to the policies and procedures that are applied to Human Subject Research conducted domestically. These policies will apply throughout the project, including initial and continuing review and any modifications.

This will specifically include ensuring that the researchers and staff who will be conducting research in other countries are qualified to conduct research in that country and well versed in the local laws and cultural context of that country, that any post-approval monitoring plans address the issues related to the transnational nature of the research project, and that procedures are in place to appropriately address any subject complaints, non- compliance or unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others.

The IRB may invite consultants under IRB Policy 3.9 to provide or evaluate information regarding the legal and cultural issues that may arise in international research.

The local Ethics Committee (EC) may have additional requirements. The PI should provide the UAMS IRB with contact information for the EC and describe how communications will be handled between the two committees.