UAMS IRB Policy Updates Posted October 2023

1.1 Principles Governing the Committee	Name changed to "…of the IRB"; added mention of other federal regs when applicable; minor grammatical changes
1.2 Authority of the Committee	Name changed to "…of the IRB," added clarifying language about exempt v. non-exempt; added references.
1.7 HRPP Advisory Committee	Specify we will now meet 1x per year; added language about HRPP subcommittees.
2.2 IRB Relationship to other committees	Added lanaguage about IRB responsibilities re making exempt determinations; ensuring Belmont Report principles are upheld.
2.3 Use of Single/Central IRBs	Added definitions; added some clarifying language about exempt status research, SMART IRB agreement; more complete description of local context review and other HRPP component responsibilities; adds language specifying what is to be submitted to the UAMS IRB for studies under another IRB's purview; moved some content around.
2.6 Reporting to Federal Agencies, etc.	Adds mention of FDA in the first paragraph; clarifies the process for reporting to a funding agency.
2.8 International Research	Reformatted; added language about local context review and other institutional requirements.
3.1 Qualifications of Committees	Very minor grammatical and detail changes. Will dicuss deleting this policy in the next year, as everything in it is addressed elsewhere.
3.6 IRB reviewers	Updated to reflect new IRB member recruitment process and videoconferenced meetings.
7.5 Expedited Review	Now clarifies what constitutes a "minor modification." Changes language about exempt status research.
7.6 Continuing Review	Adds language clarifying exempt status research does not require continuing review.
7.9 Suspension/Term for cause	Adds language about reporting; corrects VCRI's title.
7.14 Flex review	Added language about secondary use of biospecimens qualifying for flex review.
8.1 Modifications	Updates language to better reflect investigator responsibilities; removes requirement for both clean and tracked-changes documents
10.2 Reportable events	Adds some clarifications throughout.
14.2 Subject Compensation	Minor grammar cleanup
14.3 Subject Recruitment Materials	Moved language about required reporting on federal websites; adds clarification about what ad content can include.

15.3 Waivers of Documentation of Consent and of Consent Elements	Adds mention of the Planned Emergency Research policy, which a) is new and b) describes a separate consent waiver process. (page 1)
17.1 Children in Research	Updates process for enrolling wards of the state (removes mention of faxing, for example). Provides info about where to find DCFS information. (page 3)
17.9 Prisoners in Research	Clarifies the research may not begin until OHRP responds with a certification approval. (page 3)
20.1 Questions, Concerns, Comments, Complaints	Updates various committee/office names; adds VCRI to the list of people to be informed of certain issues.