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SUBJECT: Principles Governing the Committee

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), its staff, employees, faculty, students and any institution or individual using the UAMS IRB, are guided by the ethical principles regarding all research involving humans as subjects as set forth in the report of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research (the "Belmont Report") regardless of whether the research is subject to Federal regulation or with whom conducted or the source of support (*i.e.*, sponsorship).

The three basic principles relevant to the protection of human subjects in biomedical and behavioral research as set forth in the Belmont Report are:

Respect for Persons: recognition of the personal dignity and autonomy of individuals and special protection of those persons with diminished autonomy;

Beneficence: obligation to protect persons from harm by maximizing anticipated benefits and minimizing possible risks of harm; and

Justice: fairness in the distribution of research benefits and burdens.

The IRB operates under a Federalwide Assurance (FWA) in which it agrees to uphold the ethical principles of the Belmont Report and to apply all applicable Federal Regulations to all research involving human subjects regardless of sponsorship. In addition, the IRB operates according to state and institutional regulations, Good Clinical Practices (GCP) guidelines, and the Tripartite International Conference on Harmonization (ICH).