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SUBJECT: Number of Committees

Policy:

The number and composition of IRB Committees at UAMS may vary at times to support the volume and type of human research to be reviewed in a thorough and timely manner. Composition of the individual committees will in general be along the discipline lines of biomedical and behavioral and social sciences. Committees with a different focus may be added if warranted to meet the needs of the research program.

Procedure:

1. The Behavioral and Social Science IRB will review human participant research studies that primarily focus on the *examination of human behavior* related to interpersonal interaction, observation, group or individual behavior relating to interventions or experiences. Methods include but are not exclusive to open-ended questions or interviews, or surveys inquiring about individual or group knowledge, attitudes, perceptions, experiences or behavioral activities. These studies may test educational, motivational and/or behavioral intervention effectiveness.

2. The Biomedical IRBs will review human participant research studies that *examine clinical outcomes* from the administration of drugs, supplements, medicines, surgical and other clinical procedures and diagnostics, medical devices, treatment regimens, and clinically applied interventions affecting the progression, symptom management, diagnosis or prevention of disease. Methods include the administration of these techniques, substances, and procedures to measure endpoints and outcome effectiveness.