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SUBJECT: To the UAMS Office of Research Compliance

POLICY

The UAMS Office of Research Compliance (ORC) shall demonstrate UAMS' commitment to human subject protection through oversight and education promoting the responsible conduct of research. ORC reports to the Vice Chancellor of Compliance/Managing Associate General Counsel and works cooperatively with, but is independent of, the UAMS IRB.

PROCEDURE

1. ORC coordinates UAMS' comprehensive research compliance program, investigates allegations of noncompliance, and advises the IRB on regulatory issues.
2. The research compliance program applies to all research approved by the UAMS IRB and conducted by its faculty, staff, students, residents and other affiliated agents, including volunteer faculty who utilize university resources or personnel.
3. ORC shall audit human subject research, IRB operations, and, as needed, other aspects of the Human Research Protection program described in ORC policy
 - a. The Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, IRB chair, or IRB director may request ORC audits or other auditing activities.
 - b. All audit proceedings, audit reports, memoranda or other data are confidential.
 - c. ORC audit reports will normally be provided to the IRB for review.
 - d. The IRB may request ORC involvement in audit-related remediation activities.
4. Subject complaints regarding research participation may be forwarded to the ORC when ORC participation in investigating the complaints is required.
5. The ORC also may serve as a liaison between the IRB and federal regulatory agencies.

REFERENCES

AAHRPP Elements I.5.A and III.2.A