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UCF IRB News

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For the protection of human subjects in research.

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UCF IRB Federalwide Assurance—What is an FWA?

The Federalwide Assurance (FWA) is an assurance of compliance with the federal regulations for the protection of human subjects in research and is approved by the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). Eighteen federal agencies have agreed to abide by the same protections known as the Common Rule.

The UCF Institutional Review Board (IRB) is organized and operates in compliance with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulations for the protection of human subjects, State of Florida law, and the University of Central Florida policies for the conduct of human subject research.

UCF holds a Federalwide Assurance (FWA) from the OHRP, under DHHS, and is registered as follows:

University of Central Florida Federalwide Assurance (FWA) FWA00000351 - Expiration June 24, 2011

Additional IRB Specific Information:
Parent Organization: IORG0000781 U of Central Florida IRB00001138—U of Central Florida IRB #1
Expires: May 13, 2011

These numbers and dates may be needed as you complete grant applications.

Click here to view the Terms of the Federalwide Assurance.

UCF Investigators Conducting Research in Conjunction with Another Institution

UCF researchers frequently look to other institutions in which to conduct their research. This is particularly true in instances where the researcher will need to utilize another institution's population such as a hospital.

The UCF IRB has specific procedures for researchers to follow when the intent is to conduct research at another institution. The procedures, outlined below, are intended to streamline the IRB review process. Please contact the IRB Office for more information.

Research to be Conducted at Hospitals/Other Institutions with an FWA

The UCF IRB has recently instituted agreements with the following hospitals/institutions here in Florida. This list may grow as we bring on the UCF College of Medicine.

Florida Hospital <Visit IRB Website>
Orlando Health <Visit IRB Website>
(formerly Orlando Regional Healthcare)
MD Anderson Cancer Center <Visit IRB Website>

What this means for you as a UCF researcher is that you will only have to apply to the hospital IRB listed above where you intend to do your research. DO NOT complete an iRIS application. In IRB lingo, the other institution will be known as the "IRB of Record." However, the UCF IRB must be well informed of each study and still has responsibility for local issues. A copy of all study materials and the IRB approval will usually be provided to the UCF IRB electronically by the hospital IRB. In some cases, the PI may be asked to provide the material.

Additionally, the UCF IRB will aid the researcher in initiating the IRB process by conducting a review of the hospital application to give suggestions prior to the PI submitting the forms to the hospital IRB. It's important to note that each hospital has different requirements. A written protocol is usually required by the institutions listed above. Instructions for how to prepare a study protocol can be found on the IRB websites or by contacting the UCF IRB for more information.

Florida Hospital (FH) requires clearance from the FH Office of Research Administration (ORA) before IRB approval will be given. A collaborator within most hospitals is also required to be listed on the protocol, unless the PI has privileges at that institution.

UCF researchers should be aware that the IRB's at these institutions charge for IRB review of funded studies and such charges should be allocated in the study budget. IRB charges are typically waived for unfunded studies.

If you are interested in conducting research with institution's other than those listed above, please contact the IRB office for guidance.