

Institutional Review Board

Investigator Guidance Series

Authority of the IRB (HRPP 1.2)

Description:

This policy describes the authority granted by UNMC for the IRBs with regards to a research study.

General Considerations:

All human subject research must receive approval by the IRB before research may begin.

Once IRB approval expires, is terminated, or is completed, all research activities **must stop**.

Any attempt to unduly influence the IRB is **strictly prohibited** and must be reported to the Institutional Official (IO).

Research approved by the IRB may be overturned by an authorized official, but the authorized official may not approve research that is not approved by the IRB.

IRB Authority:

The IRB has the authority to:

- Observe the informed consent process.
- Observe the conduct of the research.
- Review files related to the research.
- Suspend/terminate approval of research.
- Approve a waiver or alteration of HIPAA.

