

## **Guidance – Human Subjects Research at the UNLV School of Medicine**

### **General Description**

This guidance is to inform those affiliated with the UNLV School of Medicine about when an IRB proposal must be submitted to the UNLV Institutional Review Board (IRB).

### **When it applies / context**

This applies to UNLV School of Medicine faculty, staff, residents, fellows, and students conducting research with human subjects. Researchers should review this guidance so that appropriate IRB submissions are submitted and approved prior to engaging with human subjects.

### **Considerations & Best Practices**

#### **Considerations**

Research with human subjects conducted by UNLV faculty, staff, residents, fellows and students is overseen by the UNLV IRB through the administrative support of the Office of Research Integrity – Human Subjects (ORI-HS). This research must be submitted through the online portal, *IRBNet*, for appropriate review. The affiliation of the researchers involved will dictate the IRB of record for the proposed protocol. Regardless of the IRB of record for a study, all research conducted by UNLV affiliates (see applicability above) must be submitted to the *IRBNet* system.

#### **Best Practices**

When the Principal Investigator (PI) of the study meets the UNLV PI Eligibility Policy, the IRB of record is UNLV's IRB. For UNLV staff, residents, fellows, and students working under the guidance of a UNLV PI, the study must be submitted and approved through the UNLV IRB as the IRB of record.

If the PI of the study does not qualify for UNLV PI status, but UNLV staff, residents, fellows, or students are involved in the research, another IRB may serve as the IRB of record. Such determination is made by UNLV IRB once all protocol documents and approvals are submitted to *IRBNet* by the UNLV researchers. At that time, it will be determined by ORI-HS if additional agreements with the reviewing IRB will need to take place. To allow for concurrent processes, the researchers may submit to *IRBNet* at any time to begin the process.

Any questions about specific processes can be answered by the Office of Research Integrity – Human Subjects at (702) 895-2794 or via email at [IRB@unlv.edu](mailto:IRB@unlv.edu).

## Resources

Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) Guidance “Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research (2008)”

Guidance: [Human Subjects Research at the UNLV School of Medicine]

UNLV “Human Subjects Research Policy” which can be found on the ORI-HS website at: <https://www.unlv.edu/policies/policy-research-involving-human-subjects>

UNLV ORI-HS “Rule and Procedures for Conducting Human Subject Research” which can be found on the ORI-HS website at: <https://www.unlv.edu/policies/rules-and-procedures-conducting-human-subjects-research>

UNLV Memo “Research Information and Responsibilities at UNLV” which can be found on the UNLV VPR website at: [https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page\\_files/27/Research-ResponsibilitiesMemo-Fall2018.pdf](https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/Research-ResponsibilitiesMemo-Fall2018.pdf)

UNLV “PI Eligibility Policy” which can be found on the Division of Research website at: <https://www.unlv.edu/research/policies-forms/pi-eligibility>