University of Florida (UF) IRBs

Research involving human subjects at UF is required to undergo review and approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to ensure that the welfare and rights of human subjects involved in research are protected as mandated by federal regulations. UF maintains a Federalwide Assurance (FWA) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which declares its compliance with the federal regulations. Failure by any individual to adhere to these regulations can jeopardize UF’s entire human subject research program.

Under this FWA, UF has designated three internal IRBs (IRB-01 Health Science Center, IRB-02 Main Campus, and IRB-03 Jacksonville and one external IRB (IRB-04, Western IRB or WIRB) to and utilizes the services of Western IRB (WIRB) for industry sponsored clinical trials.

While all IRBs are governed by the same set of federal and state rules, each has its own forms and procedures for review. Regardless of the IRB, however, the review process begins when you submit an application. Before submitting any forms you should read any applicable instructions available on the web and/or contact the relevant IRB office with any questions or comments. Your submissions should be complete and accurate, otherwise your submission may not be approved or there may be a significant delay in approving it.

The IRBs are summarized in the table on the following page:

For more information regarding the UF FWA, please refer to the IRB-01 website at http://irb.ufl.edu/index/fwa.html.
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| IRB-01 Gainesville HSC | This IRB accepts and reviews all protocols submitted including the broad category of ‘Medical’ research regardless of funding. | • UF Gainesville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students regardless of where in the US the research is being conducted.  
• UF Jacksonville Health Science Center faculty, staff or students using Gainesville HSC employees, facilities, resources, or patients.  
• UF Campus faculty, staff, or students (primarily if the research involves HIPAA or the HSC facilities).  
• UF Health staff.  
• North Florida/South Georgia Veteran’s Health System staff. | • Individuals or entities who are not employed/students at UF, UF Health, or the NF/SGVHHS.  
• Research conducted outside the United States, unless an exception is granted.  
• Research previously approved and conducted under another UF IRB, unless authorized by the Asst. Director of IRBs.  
• Research disapproved by another UF IRB. | Peter Iafrate, Pharm.D |
| IRB-02 Gainesville Campus | Limited to social, behavioral, educational research and other studies that involve survey research | • UF Gainesville Health Science Center faculty, staff or students provided the research does not involve Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by HIPAA.  
• UF Jacksonville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students provided the research does not involve PHI as defined by HIPAA. | • Drug and device clinical trials.  
• Other treatment related projects (surgical, physical therapy, etc.).  
• Tissue/Data Banks.  
• Research which utilizes VA employees, facilities, resources or patients.  
• Research that uses or discloses PHI from a covered entity, which requires compliance with HIPAA privacy regulations.  
• Individuals or entities who are not employed/students at UF, UF Health, or the NF/SGVHHS.  
• NF/SGVHHS staff.  
• UF Health staff.  
• Research previously approved and conducted under another UF IRB unless authorized by the Asst. Director of IRBs.  
• Research disapproved by another UF IRB. | Ira Fischler, PhD |
| IRB-03 Jacksonville HSC | This IRB accepts and reviews all protocols submitted including the broad category of ‘Medical’ research regardless of funding. | • UF Jacksonville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students (regardless of where the research is being conducted).  
• UF Gainesville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students using Jacksonville HSC employees, facilities, resources, or patients.  
• UF Health staff | • Individuals or entities who are not employed/students at UF, UF Health, or the NF/SGVHHS.  
• Gainesville faculty/staff/students that does not include Jacksonville as a site.  
• NF/SGVHHS staff.  
• Research that involves the utilization of VA employees, facilities, resources or patients.  
• Research previously approved and conducted under another UF IRB unless authorized by the Asst. Director of IRBs.  
• Research disapproved by another UF IRB. | Alan Halperin, MD |
| IRB-04 WIRB          | Limited to industry sponsored trials involving FDA regulated drugs or devices Required for COM faculty and staff, recommended for other colleges. | • UF Gainesville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students, including research conducted outside the United States.  
• UF Jacksonville Health Science Center faculty, staff, or students. | • Non-therapeutic research.  
• Tissue/Data Banks.  
• Individuals or entities who are not employed/students at UF but are seeking to do research in affiliation with UF.  
• North Florida/South Georgia Veteran’s Health System staff.  
• Research that involves the utilization of VA employees, facilities, resources or patients.  
• UF Health staff.  
• Research supported by the CRC. | Theodore D. Schultz |

Please note: WIRB is the ONLY central IRB that UF researchers may submit their research to.
For questions and concerns regarding human research:

Please call the UF IRB main offices at:

IRB-01 (UF HSC, Gainesville) ~ (352) 273-9600
IRB-02 (UF Campus/Non-Medical) ~ (352) 392-0433
IRB-03 (UF HSC, Jacksonville) ~ (904) 244-9478