



DUHS COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD ETHICAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES IN RESEARCH

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The *Duke University Health System Policies and Procedures for the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)*, posted on the DUHS IRB web site, present the policies and procedures used by DUHS when research involving human subjects is to occur. Included are references to documents investigators must use when submitting research proposals for review by the DUHS IRB. These policies and procedures apply to all research involving human subjects if DUHS faculty, staff, students, or facilities are involved, regardless of sponsorship and/ or performance site.

For all research involving humans, DUHS is guided by the ethical principles set forth in the Report of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research: *Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research*, (*National Commissions for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research*, April 1979). All sites where research conducted by DUHS faculty, staff, or students occurs will be obligated to conform to the ethical Principles set forth in this document, the Belmont report.

In addition, whenever DUHS engages in human subjects research conducted or supported by any federal department or agency that has adopted the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, known as the Common Rule, DUHS will comply with the Terms of the Federalwide Assurance for Institutions Within the United States, unless the research is exempt from the regulations of the Common Rule, or a department or agency conducting or supporting the research has determined that the research shall be covered by a separate assurance.