

Oakwood IRB Policies

Purpose

The Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects at Oakwood University has been established in compliance with Federal Regulations concerning research involving human subjects (45 CFR, Part 46, Protection of Human Subjects. Subjects www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humants/guidance). The purpose of this board is to provide review of all research conducted by faculty, staff, and students to insure protection of human subjects and compliance with the federal regulations.

All research conducted by either faculty, staff or students under the direction of faculty and involving human subjects must receive approval from the Institutional Review Board of Oakwood University. When a member of Oakwood University faculty is involved with cooperative research, that faculty member is responsible for obtaining approval through the Oakwood University IRB. Any research involving vulnerable populations may require additional safeguards. (CFR, Part 46, Protection of Human Subjects- www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance)

The Oakwood University IRB is guided by the ethical principles regarding all research involving humans as set forth in the report of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, April 1979 often referred to as the “Belmont Report” (<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/belmont.htm>).

Definitions

All faculty, staff, and students are referred to CFR 46.102 www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance for critical definitions surrounding federal regulations and the conducting of research involving human subjects.