

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Office of Regulatory Research Compliance

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty, Students, and Staff

FROM: Thomas O. Obisesan, MD. MPH
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Office of Regulatory Research Compliance

**RE: The Office of Regulatory Research Compliance (ORRC)
Oversight of Review and Approval of Research**

This communication emphasizes the Federal mandate for institutional oversight of research conducted at Howard University (HU) and affiliated facilities. Specifically, relevant University Policies and Procedures developed and implemented by the ORRC promote compliance with applicable Federal Regulations through the review of planned research by the following committees:

- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) for human subject research
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for animal subject research
- Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) for studies involving biohazards and recombinant DNA

Thus, it is the policy of Howard University that staff, students, and faculty may not initiate research activity without approval by the appropriate committee. Failure to secure approval before initiating a research study violates Federal Regulations and the Howard University's Policies and Procedures.

Further, and according to HU Policies and Procedures, faculty mentors are considered Principal Investigators on students' protocols. Therefore, the Faculty Mentors are responsible for all aspects of their students' research, including any deviation from applicable Federal, State, and Local Regulations, Tribal Laws, and the HU/ORRC Policies and Procedures.



Whereas the HU IRB accepts the Georgetown-Howard University Center for Clinical Translational Science (GHUCCTS) IRB review of GHUCCTS-funded protocols, else, all investigator-initiated research at HU must be reviewed and approved by the HU IRB.

If you are a staff, student, or faculty, conducting unapproved research, please contact the ORRC immediately.

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