Jurisdiction of the HSC

The institutional review board at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) must review and approve all human subjects research prior to initiation. **The “Human Subjects Committee” or “HSC” is the name of KUMC’s institutional review board.**

Under our agreement with the federal government, the HSC must review all research involving human subjects conducted by the KUMC faculty, students and employees, both on campus and at off-site locations. Additionally, the HSC reviews any proposed human subjects research that uses the physical or patient resources of the institution to determine whether or not its jurisdiction applies. All research conducted by full-time faculty is subject to HSC review. For part-time or volunteer faculty, the HSC has jurisdiction over those human research projects that are being conducted as part of the individual’s KUMC duties.

**NOTE:** When KUMC faculty collaborate on research at other institutions, agreements can be developed to help streamline the IRB review process. Please refer to the fact sheet on collaborations and IRB reciprocity.

Two committees (HSC1 and HSC 3) serve the Kansas City campus; HSC2 serves the Wichita campus. In our web resources, the three Human Subjects Committees are collectively referred to as “the HSC.”