

Special Arrangements for KULC-KUMC Collaborations

During 2006, University officials on the KU-Lawrence (KULC) and KU Medical Center (KUMC) campuses approved a collaborative mechanism so that human research involving both campuses needs only one IRB approval. The two campuses are separately registered with the federal government for grants management and research oversight. However, federal regulations allow institutions to make arrangements for a single IRB review that avoids duplication, provided the home institution retains overall responsibility for the research.

Determination of which campus will provide IRB review is based upon where the research subjects or the identifiable data/specimens are located. For example:

1. If KUMC research involves human subjects or identifiable data/specimens solely on the Lawrence campus or its affiliates (Parsons, Edwards, Juniper Gardens), then the KULC IRB would be the reviewing body;
2. If KULC research involves human subjects or data/specimens solely on the KUMC campus, then the KUMC IRB would be the reviewing body; or
3. If human subjects or data/specimens are located on both campuses, then the KUMC IRB would be the reviewing body.

When a KUMC faculty member wants to submit to the KULC IRB, the investigator completes a “Request for Single IRB Review” form and submits it to the KUMC IRB, along with the study protocol. Likewise, a KULC faculty member must obtain permission from the Lawrence IRB if they wish to submit the KUMC IRB.

Study-specific permission is required because each campus remains responsible to the federal government for the conduct of research performed by its faculty, staff and students, even if the other IRB provides the ethical and compliance review. The Request For Single IRB Review form provides awareness to the home institution and a tracking mechanism for annual updates.

The “Request for Single IRB Review” is found on the KUMC IRB website. Investigators who have questions are encouraged to contact IRB Office at 913-588-1240.