

## **Human Subjects in Research (IRB), UMCES Compliance in Brief:**

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Federal and USM policies for the protection of human subjects require that UMCES and its employees protect the rights and welfare of human participants in research. To comply with these regulations, all faculty, staff and students who plan to use human participants in research must have prior approval from our Institutional Review Board (IRB). Research involving human subjects includes any form and method of information gathering. Project participant evaluations and surveys - in person, via the mail or email or telephone interviews all fall under these regulations.

UMCES' Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) with DHHS Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) approval number is FWA00008757. The FWA includes an Institutional Review Board Authorization Agreement in place with the University of Maryland, College Park to submit applications for review to their IRB. This IRB shall have jurisdiction over all reviews and approvals in accord with procedures set forth in recognized documents, Federal Wide Assurance document, and/or applicable regulations and policies including other policies adopted by the System or the University of Maryland, College Park.

UMCES has a designated Human Protections Administrator on the FWA which means all IRB applications must come through ORAA and be signed off by UMCES before the College Park IRB will review the application.

***NOTE:** As of February 1, 2010, PIs, Co-PIs and research team members must complete IRB Training before the Initial Application or Renewal Application can be fully approved, or they must be temporarily removed from the research team until the training has been completed.*

Link to the UMCP IRB website with access to all regulations and forms, including the required training: <http://www.umresearch.umd.edu/IRB/>

Link to UMCES Policy on Human Subjects in Research:  
<http://www.umces.edu/about/policy-IV-2.10>