

Human Research

The University of Alabama is accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP), and is one of only two institutions in the state to carry such a distinction. AAHRPP is a global non-profit accrediting organization that promotes the highest standards of ethical and protective human research. AAHRPP accreditation is held as the international gold standard in clinical guidelines, and The University of Alabama is proud to carry its seal of approval.

As a result, The University of Alabama must adhere to particular AAHRPP clauses under human test-subject agreements, including clinical trials. Below are the mandatory provisions that must be included in any University of Alabama human research project:

1. Element 1.8.A.
 - The University of Alabama and the Sponsor must have a written agreement that addresses payment of medical expenses incurred as a direct result of research-related injury. AAHRPP does not stipulate which party must pay for a research participant's injuries, however, payment of possible medical expenses must be included in the contract for each participant's consideration.
2. Element 1.8.B.
 - In studies where the Sponsor conducts research site monitoring visits or conducts monitoring activities remotely, The University of Alabama has a written agreement with the Sponsor that the Sponsor promptly reports to The University of Alabama findings that could affect the safety of participants or influence the conduct of the study.
3. Element 1.8.C.
 - When the Sponsor has the responsibility to conduct data and safety monitoring, The University of Alabama has a written agreement with the Sponsor that addresses provisions for monitoring the data to ensure the safety of participants and for providing data and safety monitoring reports to the University. Reports should be submitted at least annually.
4. Element 1.8.D.
 - Before initiating research, The University of Alabama has a written agreement with the Sponsor about plans for disseminating findings from the research and the roles that Researchers and Sponsors will play in the publication or disclosure of results.
5. Elements 1.8.E.
 - When participant safety could be directly affected by study results after the study has ended, The University of Alabama has a written

agreement with the Sponsor that the Researcher or University will be notified of the results in order to consider informing participants.