SPECIAL APPROVALS

IRB POLICY CONCERNING DRUGS FOR RESEARCH USE: The East Alabama Medical Center has established procedures for the storage and distribution of drugs to be used in research involving humans, whether these drugs are FDA approved or in an Investigational New Drug (IND) status. These procedures require that the investigator obtain a release from the Pharmacy Department before IRB approval can be given to any research protocol. [Click HERE](https://www.eastalabamahealth.org/research/_assets/documents/irb/irb-drug-release-form.pdf) for the Pharmacy Department policy statement and the release form. The Pharmacy department may be reached at 334.528.2270 for further information.

IRB POLICY CONCERNING RADIOISOTOPES FOR RESEARCH USE: If radioisotopes are to be used, approval from the Radiation Safety Committee and documentation of safety must be included in the protocol. The Chairperson of the committee should be contacted for information and approval.

BIOPSY OR AUTOPSY MATERIALS: Use of these materials must be cleared with the Department of Pathology. The Chairperson should be contacted for written approval. [Click HERE](https://www.eastalabamahealth.org/research/_assets/documents/irb/release-of-biopsy-or-autopsy-materials.pdf) an example of the appropriate form for such approval.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS: Should subjects from other institutions not having an institutional review board (hospitals, schools, businesses) comprise all or part of the population for the study, written approval should be obtained from an authorized official of that institution. A statement of preliminary contacts with the appropriate officials should be attached to materials submitted for review. If the other institutions has an Institutional Review Board, attach a copy of its approval for the activities to be carried out at that institution.

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IRB: Should the research be part of a cooperative research clinical trial that must undergo a single IRB review, herein called the Cooperative Research IRB, all information regarding that review must be submitted with any application for research, whether in the Exempt, Expedited, or Full Board Review category.