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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: August 7, 2007
Subject: Authority of the HRRC

As institutional official for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNM HSC), I hereby grant the Human Research Review Committee (HRRC) the following independent authority as required by federal regulations for the protection of human subjects in research:

To approve, require modifications to secure approval, or disapprove all research activities overseen and conducted by the organization;

To suspend or terminate approval of research not being conducted in accordance with the IRB's requirements or that has been associated with unexpected serious harm to participants;

To observe, or have a third party observe, the consent process; and

To observe, or have a third party observe, the conduct of the research.

Research that has been approved by the HRRC may be subject to further appropriate review and approval or disapproval by officials of the UNM HSC. However, those officials may not approve any research that has not been approved by the HRRC.

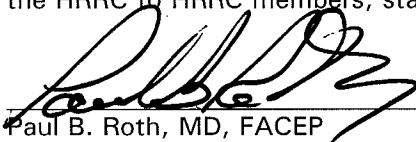
Attempts to inappropriately influence the HRRC should be reported to the Operations Director for the Office of Human Research Protections or an HRRC Chairman at 272-1129. These individuals are granted the responsibility and authority to respond to attempts to unduly influence the HRRC and will respond to such attempts as follows:

Conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of attempts to unduly influence the HRRC;

Provide a written report to the Vice President for Translational Research, and/or Executive Vice President for Health Sciences;

Take appropriate corrective action with the HRRC to ensure that their decisions are not or have not been unduly influenced; and

Using appropriate methods, communicate inappropriateness of attempts to unduly influence the HRRC to HRRC members, staff, and researchers.



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