What activities need IRB Review?
You do not need to know the answer to this question as long as you recognize when to ask. The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has a guidance table that will tell you what activities do and do not need IRB review based on federal definitions and UK policy. Still unsure? Either call us or complete the “Not Human Research Determination Form” and email the form to us for an official ruling that can be provided to you on letterhead. These resources and more are available on the “What Needs IRB Review” website (www.research.uky.edu/ori/human/WhatNeedsIRBReview.htm).

Which type of IRB Review will my Protocol require?
The “IRB Review Types” website (www.research.uky.edu/ori/human/IRBReviewTypes.htm) describes each type of IRB review and offers “Issues to be Addressed” guidance to help you decide if your protocol might be eligible for exempt or expedited review. Contact information for ORI Professionals who work with both the Medical and Nonmedical IRBs are listed for additional questions.

What type of training is required to conduct human research?
The IRB requires all study personnel to complete human subject protection (HSP) training every three years. If you have documentation of current HSP training, submit it to ORI for credit. UK HSP training is available on the “Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)” website. UK employees and students must use their UK Link Blue ID and password and access CITI by clicking the CITI Button on the “UK Link Blue” website (www.uky.edu/UKHome/subpages/linkblue.html). Information on additional courses and optional training is available on the “ORI Training FAQ” website (www.research.uky.edu/ori/human/Human_Research_Mandatory_Education.htm).

Do I submit to the Medical or Nonmedical IRB?
UK has four Medical and one Nonmedical IRB. Which IRB to submit to is based primarily on the Principal Investigator’s college. The Medical IRB reviews research emanating from the Colleges of Dentistry, Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Public Health. The Nonmedical IRBs review research originating from the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Business & Economics, Communications & Information Studies, Design, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Law, and Social Work.

Where is the IRB application and what is the submission process?
The Forms website includes Medical IRB, Nonmedical IRB, and other application forms. Optional checklists are available to help you sort and collate materials into the required number of packets. Download and complete current versions of applicable forms from the website at www.research.uky.edu/ori/human/HumanResearchForms.htm. Deliver them to ORI at the 3rd floor of Kinkead Hall (www.research.uky.edu/ori/staff.htm) by the deadline for convened or expedited Nonmedical protocols and at anytime for exempt, expedited, or convened review Medical protocols. Meeting dates are listed on the ORI website. The principal investigator attends convened IRB meetings.
How do I transfer human research from my former institution or work with non-UK researchers or at non-UK facilities?

Contact ORI for assistance on how to transfer research to UK. Different requirements may apply depending on the stage of the research. When working with collaborators from other institutions or at non-UK facilities, ORI has procedures to work out any necessary collaborative agreements between investigators or IRBs. Refer to the “Off-Site Research Guidance” (www.research.uky.edu/ori/ORIForms/10-ORIs_Off-Site_Research_Guidance.pdf) or contact ORI Reliance Officer Amy Kolasa for assistance.

What are my responsibilities as a faculty advisor?

As a student’s faculty advisor, you accept a supervisory role in guiding the student in conducting regulatory compliant research. You must be certified in HSP training. You will sign the protocol assurance statement certifying that you have reviewed the research and attest to the scientific merit of the study, qualifications of the personnel, and adequacy of the facility and resources needed to conduct the research.

What are my responsibilities as a principal investigator?

A principal investigator (PI) is ultimately responsible for all aspects of human research conduct. General investigator responsibilities are outlined in the “Principal Investigator’s Guide to Responsibilities, Qualifications, Records and Documentation of Human Subjects Research”. Detailed ‘how to’ guidance is provided in the “Principal Investigator Q & A Guide”. Recruitment requirements are outlined in the “PI Guide to Identification and Recruitment of Human Subjects for Research”. PIs who initiate FDA regulated research also must comply with sponsor regulatory requirements outlined in summary documents and mandatory sponsor-investigator training.

How do I find out if FDA regulations apply to my protocol?

The IRB Drug (Form O) and Device (Form P) forms, ORI guidance documents, and FDA website can help in determining if and which regulations apply. For assistance or to identify the best FDA resource, contact the ORI Research Education Specialist Belinda Smith at 859-323-2446 or Belinda.smith@uky.edu.

Where do I find resources, procedures, and guidance?

IRB resources, SOPs, guidance documents and more are organized by topic area from A to Z on the online “IRB Survival Handbook” (www.research.uky.edu/ori/IRB-Survival-Handbook.html). Announcements, events, and newsletters will be distributed on the IRB list serve and posted on the “What’s New” website.

Whom do I contact with concerns, suggestions, or questions?

If the issue is regarding ORI or administrative procedures, contact ORI Director Ada Sue Selwitz. Direct compliance concerns to ORI Compliance Officer Helene Lake-Bullock. For IRB determination issues, contact the applicable IRB Chair. Submit feedback anonymously on ORI’s customer service form (www.research.uky.edu/ori/concerns_suggestions.htm). The full ORI staff directory is available at www.research.uky.edu/ori/staff.htm.