

<b>Grand Valley State University Human Research Review Committee Procedure</b>	
Subject: <i>Research Investigators Defined</i>	
Section: 1.1	This procedure supersedes those previously drafted
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Related Sections: 1.0, 1.12	

**Research Investigators.** For the purposes of the HHS regulations, the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) interprets an “investigator” to be any individual who is involved in conducting human subjects research studies. Such involvement would include:

- obtaining information about living individuals by intervening or interacting with them for research purposes;
- obtaining identifiable private information about living individuals for research purposes;
- obtaining the voluntary informed consent of individuals to be subjects in research; and
- studying, interpreting, or analyzing identifiable private information or data for research purposes.

Investigators can include physicians, scientists, nurses, administrative staff, faculty members, and students, among others. Some research studies are conducted by more than one investigator, and usually one investigator is designated the “principal investigator” with overall responsibilities for the study. In every human subjects research study, investigators have certain responsibilities regarding the ethical treatment of human subjects.

See procedure 1.12 *Investigator Responsibilities*