

Grand Valley State University Human Research Review Committee Procedure	
Subject: <i>Suspension or termination of research activities.</i>	
Section: 14.0	This procedure supersedes those previously drafted
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Related Sections:	

Federal regulations require that the organization that authorizes research maintain the authority to unilaterally suspend or terminate some or all research activities:

The HRRC [An IRB] shall have the authority to suspend or terminate approval of research that is not being conducted in accordance with the HRRC's requirements, or that has been associated with unexpected serious harm to subjects. Any suspension or termination of approval shall include a statement of the reasons of the HRRC's actions and shall be reported promptly to the investigator, appropriate institutional officials, and the department or agency head. (45 CFR 46.113)

GVSU has given the authority and responsibility to the HRRC to suspend or terminate research activities in order to protect human subjects, uphold ethical standards, protect the research integrity of the organization, and comply with university procedure and state and federal laws and regulations. The HRRC will take appropriate action to ensure the safety and welfare of research subjects. These actions may range from corrective or educational measures for an investigator to terminating HRRC approval for all active studies of an investigator. The HRRC may suspend or terminate approval of research activities at any time during an inquiry or investigation of research misconduct to assure the protection of research subjects. This authority also may be exercised as an administrative action by the Research Integrity Officer or the Human Research Protections Administrator.