

Federal Wide Assurance

LSU Health Science Center Shreveport has a Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). The FWA is an official agreement between LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport and OHRP.

The FWA states that LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport has made a commitment to follow the regulations, principles and guidelines that protect the rights and welfare of human participants involved in research conducted under the auspices of this institution, regardless of the source of funding.

OHRP is the office within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) responsible for implementing the regulations governing research involving human participants. These federal regulations are found in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under Title 45, Part 46. Another term for [45 CFR 46](#) is the "Common Rule".

OHRP provides oversight and education for all institutions engaged in research involving human participants. An institution becomes engaged in human subjects research when its employees or agents intervene or interact with living individuals for research purposes; or obtain individually identifiable private information for research purposes [[45 CFR 46.102\(d\), \(f\)](#)].

LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport	
Registration	Number
Federal Wide Assurance	FWA00000653
Institutional Review Board (1)	IRB00000178
IRB (1) Organization #	IORG0000109

IRB of Record

It is the policy of LSUHSC-Shreveport's Human Research Protection Program to serve as the IRB of Record for certain other external sites and institutions engaged in research. OHRP must approve each relationship that allows another institution to rely on LSUHSC-S as the designated IRB for review and continuing oversight of its research involving human participants. In addition, LSUHSC-S requires each external site and institution to secure and maintain a FWA from OHRP.

At this time Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, and University Health have designated LSUHSC-S IRB to serve as their IRB of record.

Affiliate Agreements

An authorized affiliate agreement must be in place for all cooperative research projects that involve external sites and institutions that are not considered legal entities of LSUHSC-S. This affiliate agreement will outline the specific responsibilities for each party entering into the agreement. LSUHSC-S requires each collaborating site and institution to secure and maintain a FWA from OHRP.