
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
Office of Safety and Business Continuity

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Who we are:

- Safety, primarily the Biological Safety Program, is the monitoring and effector arm of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) and UT Southwestern Administration. Safety provides administrative services for all IBC business operations.
- IBCs have been established under the National Institute of Health (NIH) Guidelines for the review of projects that involve recombinant DNA, pathogens, human materials and other potentially infectious material, etc.

What we do:

- Ensure all research conforms with the NIH Guidelines, when applicable.
- Ensure all impacted healthcare providers, patients, and patient care providers are provided education on the investigational drug and their associated exposure risks and the proper methods to mitigate these risks.
- Ensure all necessary safety control measures, practices, and precautions are in place to support the safe administration of the investigational drug and care for the study participant.
- Ensure healthcare providers are provided with all needed personal protective equipment.
- Ensure the research protocols and investigators follow all institutional compliance processes (e.g., adverse event reporting).

Contact Safety

When research involves:

- The deliberate transfer of genetic material into human research participants.
- Investigational drugs composed of live, attenuated, or genetically modified microorganisms.
- Collection of patient specimens and/or samples for onsite storage and processing, for distribution to campus laboratories, and any processing of human specimens and samples that occur outside of a Safety approved clinical laboratory or biorepository.
- NOTE: Some research studies may be exempt from Human Subject Research by IRB specifications. Exempt from IRB registration does not indicate that these projects are exempt from IBC registration.

For more information:

- **Website:** <https://www.utsouthwestern.net/intranet/administration/safety/safety-programs/biological/human-subject-studies.html>
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