Research - Policy for Approval

This Policy is Applicable to the following sites:
Continuing Care, Corporate, Gerber, Outpatient/Physician Practices, Priority Health, Reed City, SH GR Hospitals, SHMG, United/Kelsey, Zeeland

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Department Area: Research

1. **Scope**
   Research involving human subjects

2. **Purpose**
   To clearly define the ethical requirements for protecting human subjects when performing research at all Spectrum Health entities.

3. **Policy**
   Regardless of affiliation with Spectrum Health, when conducting any research activities at Spectrum Health involving human subjects and their data the Spectrum Health Institutional Review Board (IRB) must review and approve the research before it can be initiated. This also applies when Spectrum Health has a written agreement to serve as the IRB of record.

   Any student conducting research as part of their educational training and/or educational requirements at Spectrum Health must have prior approval from the Spectrum Health IRB before research is initiated. This includes retrospective chart reviews.

4. **Revisions**
   Spectrum Health reserves the right to alter, amend, modify or eliminate this policy at any time without prior written notice.

5. **Policy Development and Approval**

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