



OBJECTIVE:

- To protect the health and safety of human participants to GCM research
- To promote the integrity of GCM

DEFINITION OF TERMS

R.E.C. Chairperson – the REC official invited and appointed as the Chair of the REC

Suspension - temporary cessation of some or all activities in a currently approved research Study (Purdue, 2026).

Termination - Determination made by the REC to permanently withdraw approval for some or all activities of a currently approved research study (Purdue, 2026).

REC research integrity team - three members of the REC officially given a mission order by the REC Chairperson to investigate a research that may be suspended or terminated

SCOPE

- All GCM students, faculty, and non-teaching staff are expected to be covered by this policy.
- This memo shall be effective upon signing thereof
- Begins with the creation of an REC integrity team
- Ends with the suspension or termination of a research study

WORKFLOW

- **Detection of research by a REC member or a CHRI panelist that the research:**
 1. Was not being conducted in accordance with the GCM REC's requirements.
 2. Was associated with unexpected serious harm to participants.
 3. Presented unmanageable risks to the safety, health or welfare of participants.
 4. Engaged in significant non-compliance with institutional, national, or international ethical guidelines.
 5. Did not conform to CHRI and/or Research Department policies and procedures
- **Creation of a Research Integrity Team (RIT)** by the REC chairperson or the Center for Health Research & Innovation
- **Investigation** in accordance with the memo on research misconduct
- The RIT reports to REC or CHRI as the case maybe
- **Notify the Principal Investigator (PI)** and the institutional official in writing, stating the reasons for the action.
- **Consider Participant Welfare:** Determine actions to protect currently enrolled participants, including continuing care.
- **Require Reporting:** The PI must immediately report the suspension/termination to any relevant sponsors, and/or participants as required.



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PROCEDURES FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION

A PI can appeal a suspension. Any request to lift a suspension or re-approve a suspended study must be reviewed by the convened Full Board of the GCM REC or CHRI panelists. Terminated projects cannot be reinstated; a new submission is required.

For compliance questions, contact the GCM REC Secretariat **Mr. Seldon Andre F. Duran** at email: sduran@gcm.edu.ph or Contact No. 09753242698.

REFERENCES

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