The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects participating in research projects. The IRB acts according to regulations established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service Act as amended (45 CFR 46). Compliance with these federal regulations not only safeguards human subjects and the institution sponsoring the research project, but also protects the researcher.

Individual Investigator Agreement

**Name of Institution with the Federalwide Assurance (FWA):** Appalachian State University

**Applicable FWA #:** 00027456

**Individual Investigator’s Name:**

**Specify Research Covered by this Agreement:**

1. The above-named Individual Investigator has reviewed: 1) *The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research* (<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/belmont.html>); 2) the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR part 46; and 3) the relevant institutional policies and procedures for the protection of human subjects.
2. The Investigator understands and hereby accepts the responsibility to comply with the standards and requirements stipulated in the above documents and to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research conducted under this Agreement.
3. The Investigator will comply with all other applicable federal, international, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies that may provide additional protection for human subjects participating in research conducted under this agreement.
4. The Investigator will abide by all determinations of the Appalachian Institutional Review Board (IRB) and will accept the final authority and decisions of the IRB, including but not limited to directives to terminate participation in designated research activities.
5. The Investigator will complete the online CITI training required by the IRB (directions available at: <https://researchprotections.appstate.edu/human-subjects-irb/irb-training>) prior to initiating research, including obtaining the informed consent of participants, covered under this Agreement.
6. The Investigator will report promptly to the IRB any proposed changes in the research conducted under this Agreement. The investigator will not initiate changes in the research without prior IRB review and approval, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects.
7. The Investigator will report immediately to the IRB any unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others in research covered under this Agreement.
8. The Investigator, when responsible for enrolling subjects, will obtain, document, and maintain records of informed consent for each such subject or each subject’s legally authorized representative as required under HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 46 and stipulated by the IRB.
9. The Investigator acknowledges and agrees to cooperate in the IRB’s responsibility for initial and continuing review, record keeping, reporting, and certification for the research referenced above. The Investigator will provide all information requested by the IRB in a timely fashion.
10. The Investigator will not enroll subjects in research under this Agreement prior to its review and approval by the IRB.
11. Emergency medical care may be delivered without IRB review and approval to the extent permitted under applicable federal regulations and state law.
12. This Agreement does not preclude the Investigator from taking part in research not covered by this Agreement.
13. The Investigator acknowledges that he/she is primarily responsible for safeguarding the rights and welfare of each research subject, and that the subject’s rights and welfare must take precedence over the goals and requirements of the research.

**Investigator Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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