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POLICY

On occasion, patients utilizing the Student Health & Wellness Center (SHWC) may be asked to participate in experimental research but it is the right of each patient to refuse such participation without any adverse impact on their receipt of health care at the SHWC.

PURPOSE

Patients benefit from advances in medicine generated through biomedical research. However, the right of each patient to be treated with dignity and respect and in an autonomous manner is a fundamental principle and supercedes all others.

PROCEDURE

Students utilizing the SHWC may occasionally be asked to participate in various research projects that include but are not limited to: biomedical, psychological, epidemiologic, or health services, including clinical, administrative, and cost-of-care studies. All such research projects must be approved or exempted from review by the appropriate Institutional Review Board at Johns Hopkins (e.g. School of Medicine, School of Public Health, Homewood Campus). All such projects must be coordinated through at least one SHWC staff member, either the Director or in conjunction with the Director. Consent for the project, if required, must state that participation is voluntary and that refusal to participate does not in any way affect the student's receipt of health services at the SHWC. Any student concerns or complaints about research projects should be directed to the Principal Investigator of the research project (as stated on the consent form), to the Director of the SHWC, or to the Dean of Student Life.