



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 73.07, **Integrity in Research and Allegations of Scientific Misconduct**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Operating Policy and Procedure (HSCEP OP) is to establish the guidelines and procedures to be followed concerning allegations of scientific misconduct.

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed by November 1 of every odd-numbered year (ONY) by the senior director of the Office of Research Resources (ORR), the research integrity officer (RIO) or designee and the associate general counsel or designee, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the vice president for research (VPR) or designee by November 30.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

The guidelines provided in Attachment A are in compliance with Public Health Service (PHS) regulations codified at 42 C.F.R. 93 (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 93). This policy applies to all individuals at TTUHSC El Paso engaged in research including any person paid by, under the control of, or affiliated with TTUHSC El Paso, such as scientists, trainees, technicians, and other staff members, students, fellows, residents, researchers or collaborators at TTUHSC El Paso.

The committees, and any sub-committees, established under this HSCEP OP and Attachment A hereto, shall each be considered a "medical committee" as defined under Texas Health & Safety Code, §161.031, and/or other applicable state and federal statutes. All documents generated by the committees, submitted to the committees, or created for the purposes of fulfilling committee duties are confidential and privileged and shall be identified as a "Confidential – Medical Committee Document".