Federalwide Assurance

JHSPH has committed to a Federalwide Assurance (FWA) with the Federal Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP). The FWA is a formal agreement by JHSPH to protect the rights and safety of all subjects who participate in research. The JHSPH FWA assures that all human subjects research conducted by JHSPH, will be reviewed and approved by the CHR, and will be subject to continuing review by the CHR, in a manner consistent with the Federal regulations (45 CFR 46 and subparts), regardless of the funding source for the research or the absence of funding, or where the research is performed. The JHSPH Assurance covers its three IRBs: CHR #1 and CHR #2, and Western IRB. The JHSPH Assurance number, FWA00000287, is valid thru March 4, 2007 The FWA number should be cited on all JHSPH grant and contract applications. *See the JHSPH Federalwide Assurance*.

Under the FWA, the JHSPH is responsible for:

- Designating one or more IRBs to provide scientific and ethical review and approval of all nonexempt research covered by the FWA;
- Providing sufficient resources, space, and staff to support the CHR's review and recordkeeping duties;
- Providing training and educational opportunities for the CHR members and investigators;
- Developing policies and procedures for effective and efficient administration of the HRPP;
- Ensuring that assurances are in place and that certification of CHR review is submitted to the appropriate authorities for all of the School's federally-sponsored research, including research done at collaborating performance sites, as appropriate; and
- Implementing appropriate oversight mechanisms to ensure compliance with regulations and effective administration of the HRPP.