

The Local Bioethics Commission (LBC) is an independent advisory body responsible for protecting the rights, safety and well-being of subjects and researchers, as well as ethical and moral and legal assessment of research materials.

The Commission was established in accordance with international standards for conducting research involving people as subjects and is registered in the international Health and Human Services (HHS) system (IRB00003734 Kazakh Natl MedU-Kazakhstan Ethical Committee #1) as a body protecting the rights of individuals and mental health and well-being of the people involved in the study. NJSC «West Kazakhstan Marat Ospanov Medical University» (IRB00010636 Local IRB Committee West-Kazakhstan State Medical University named after Marat Ospanov, the Republic of Kazakhstan), is registered in the international database of the Office for Human Protection as a research subject of the USA (Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP)) IORG0008911 (dated 07/14/2016). NJSC «West Kazakhstan Marat Ospanov Medical University» is registered in the unified database of the LCB of the Republic of Kazakhstan with the assignment of the identification number (LBC -I/2010-07-014).

LBC is guided in its activities by the ethical principles of the Helsinki Declaration of the World Medical Association, the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, The Standard of Good Clinical Practice (GCP), the Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On the Health of the people and the healthcare system", other applicable international regulations related to the activities of ethics committees and the conduct of clinical trials.

The independence of the ethical examination of research involving people is based on the established scientific and methodological standards of the LCB and is designed to ensure the protection of specific individuals during the course of research. The LCB conducts an examination of the study before the start of the study, followed by monitoring (monitoring compliance with ethical principles during the study and after its completion).

Currently, the LCB consists of competent and specially trained members (as well as independent experts) representing various disciplines of medical science, including members of the public.

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