

Unaffiliated Investigator Agreement with Valdosta State University

Unaffiliated Investigator Name:

Degrees:

Unaffiliated Investigator's Institution (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

E-Mail Address:

Telephone:

VSU Contact Person:

VSU Protocol Number:

Project Title:

- (1) The above-named Unaffiliated Investigator has reviewed:
 - (a) *The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research* (https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sites/default/files/the-belmont-report-508c_FINAL.pdf);
 - (b) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations for the protection of human research participants at 45 CFR Part 46 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=83cd09e1c0f5c6937cd9d7513160fc3f&pitd=20180719&n=pt45.1.46&r=PART&ty=HTML>); and
 - (c) Valdosta State University's policies and procedures for the protection of research participants (<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/research/office-of-sponsored-programs-research-administration/irb-policy-procedure.php>).
- (2) The Unaffiliated 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 participants in research conducted under this Agreement.
- (3) The Unaffiliated Investigator will comply with all other applicable federal, international, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies that may provide additional protection for human research participants conducted under this Agreement.
- (4) The Unaffiliated Investigator will abide by all determinations of the Valdosta State University 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 Unaffiliated Investigator will complete educational training required by the Valdosta State University IRB (<http://www.citiprogram.org>) prior to initiating any contact or interaction with prospective or planned participants in the research covered under this Agreement.
- (6) The Unaffiliated Investigator will report promptly to the IRB any proposed changes in the research activities conducted under this Agreement. The Unaffiliated Investigator will not initiate changes in the research protocol without prior IRB review and approval, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to research participants.

