IRB Policy V

GUST Parental and Student/Child Consent.

Policy Definition. Research that focuses on sensitive issues and the participation of children is becoming more common. Kuwait national law defines “children” as persons not yet of legal age to agree to research-related treatments or procedures under the applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the research is to be conducted. Under Kuwait law, persons under the age of eighteen (18) are generally regarded as “children, with the exception noted below. Permission to involve a child in a research study must be granted by the child’s parent(s) or guardian(s) prior to that child’s participation in research. The only exception is when a person under the age of 18 does not meet the national definition of “child” and thus may provide legally effective consent to participate in research.