

Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)

Shri Ramchandra Vidya Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital (SRVAMCH), Lucknow

1. Introduction

The Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) of Shri Ramchandra Vidya Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital (SRVAMCH), Lucknow, is established to ensure that all research activities conducted within the institution uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, scientific integrity, and participant safety.

The committee is responsible for reviewing, guiding, and monitoring research proposals submitted by undergraduate students, faculty members, and clinical investigators, ensuring strict alignment with ethical principles and applicable regulatory guidelines.

Core Commitments

- **Participant Welfare:** Protecting the rights, dignity, safety, and well-being of all research participants.
- **Ethical Excellence:** Promoting and fostering ethical research practices across the institution.
- **Scientific Integrity:** Ensuring scientific validity, rigor, and transparency in research methodologies.
- **Protocol Oversight:** Reviewing research protocols prior to initiation and monitoring ongoing activities as required.

2. Objectives

- Reviewing and evaluating research proposals involving human participants for ethical approval.
- Ensuring absolute ethical compliance in all biomedical and health-related research.
- Safeguarding participant protection through rigorous review of informed consent and confidentiality measures.
- Cultivating a culture of responsible, transparent research practices among students and faculty.
- Providing continuous ethical guidance for both academic and clinical research initiatives.

3. Functions of the Institutional Ethics Committee

- **Protocol Review:** Conducting comprehensive ethical reviews of research protocols, dissertations, and academic theses.
- **Risk-Benefit Assessment:** Critically assessing the risk-benefit ratio of proposed studies to minimize participant risk.
- **Documentation Oversight:** Evaluating informed consent documents and participant information sheets for clarity and adequacy.
- **Privacy Protection:** Ensuring robust measures are in place to protect the privacy and confidentiality of research subjects.

- **Compliance & Monitoring:** Monitoring approved research projects and ensuring strict compliance with institutional and national ethical guidelines.
- **Advisory Support:** Providing structured guidance regarding amendments, protocol deviations, and emerging ethical concerns during a study.

4. Committee Composition

Role	Name	Designation / Affiliation
Chairperson	Dr. Satish Chandra Tiwari	Principal, SHAMC, Muzaffar Nagar
Member Secretary	Dr. Anurag Dixit	Principal, SRVAMCH, Lucknow
Member	Dr. Ashok Dixit	Professor, SRVAMCH, Lucknow
Clinician	Dr. Supriya Shukla	Associate Professor, SRVAMCH, Lucknow
Legal Expert	Shri Rajat Rajan Singh	Lucknow
Social Scientist / Philosopher	Dr. Subodh Kumar Pandey	Associate Professor, SRVAMCH
Lay Person	Smt. Sudha Singh Chauhan	Chinhat, Lucknow

5. Research and Academic Support

The Institutional Ethics Committee actively supports and oversees a wide spectrum of research modalities within the institution, including:

- Undergraduate research projects.
- Faculty-led research and institutional activities.
- Clinical trials and observational studies.
- Questionnaire-based, epidemiological, and community-based research.
- Academic dissertations and formal thesis work.

Through these efforts, the committee aims to inspire ethical awareness and foster a robust, research-driven academic ecosystem at SRVAMCH.