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CONSTITUTION OF ETHICS BOARD TO MAINTAIN RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Research integrity embodies adherence to established ethical principles and professional standards. Ethical principles refer to honesty and trustworthiness of records and the dissemination of the research output. It promotes responsible conduct in research and academic activities, ensures honesty and transparency, and prevents practices such as plagiarism. The committee specifically seeks to uphold best practices, address instances of misconduct, and educate the university community on ethical guidelines.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

An Ethics Committee with the following members is nominated by the Vice Chancellor and approved by the Academic Council. Ethics Committee will address the breaches in research activities, publication ethics and IPR policy of the University.

S.No.	Name of the Member	Role in Committee
1	Eminent Academician/Senior Scientist	Chairperson (External to the Institution)
2	Director (Research)	Member Secretary
3	Senior Faculty members – 2 Professors	Member
4	Legal expert (Nominee of the Vice Chancellor, if referred)	Member

Roles and Responsibilities of the Quorum

1. Monitor and guide the researchers in maintaining high Research Standards and ensure the implementation of the Code of Ethics for Research.
2. Investigate the complaints related to fabrication of results, falsification of data and plagiarism.
3. Inquire into and resolve issues related to conflict of interest, authorship, etc., in research article publications.

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4. The Committee shall execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to safeguard sensitive research information, intellectual property, and the confidentiality of ethical review proceedings.

5. Monitor whether the correct procedures are adopted in research involving humans/animals. In case of academic clinical trials, the trials shall be approved by the respective Institutional Ethics Committee.

6. The implementation of the resolution of the Ethics Committee shall be approved by the Board of Management.

a) Institutional Human Ethics Committee (IEC)

IEC is a committee comprising medical, scientific, non-medical and non-scientific members, whose responsibility is to ensure the protection of the rights, safety and well-being of human subjects involved in a clinical trial and it shall be responsible for reviewing and approving the protocol, the suitability of the investigators, facilities, methods and adequacy of information to be used for obtaining and documenting informed consent of the study subjects and adequacy of confidentiality safeguards. In addition, as recommended in the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guidelines, the basic responsibility of the IEC is "to ensure a competent review of all ethical aspects of the project proposals received by it in an objective manner" (ICMR 2006, p. 8). The IEC conducts regular meetings for reviewing the research proposals and gives suggestions to the investigators to make their research ethical before approving them.

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