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FAQ Topic: Training

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Question: Are members of the Subcommittee on Research Safety (SRS) required to complete the training in ethical principles on which human research is to be conducted and accepted good clinical practices (GCP) required in VHA Handbook 1200.05, Paragraph 61a(1)?

Answer: No. The SRS is responsible for "Reviewing all research activities involving biological, chemical, physical, and radiation hazards for compliance with all applicable regulations, policies, and guidelines..." (VHA Handbook 1200.08, paragraph 7a), not the human subjects protection issues covered in the required training on ethical principles on which human research is to be conducted and accepted good clinical practices. Therefore, SRS members are not required to take the training required in VHA Handbook 1200.05, Paragraph 61a(1).

References: *VHA Handbook 1200.05, Paragraph 61a(1)*