The goal of human research regulation is the protection of each and every human being and the respectful handling of health-related personal data.
Numerous procedures are deployed to prevent and treat diseases, including therapies, medical devices, radiation, surgery and medicinal products.
Testing procedures in humans

New prevention and treatment procedures – such as medicinal products – need to be tested in humans by means of an officially approved research project. If a new procedure demonstrates its efficacy and the risk/benefit ratio is adequate, it is approved, in other words, it becomes the standard.
The Swiss Human Research Act (HRA) provides the framework for interaction between research participants and researchers.
Research on humans
Stakeholders and their rights and obligations

Stakeholders in human research projects

Human research projects that require authorisation involve researchers, research participants and authorisation authorities. As the fourth stakeholder, the Federal Government dictates the framework conditions and undertakes a coordinating and informative role.
Research on humans
Determinants for human research projects

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Human research projects are classified and reviewed according to the statutory requirements on the basis of various factors.