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FAQ Topic: Delegation of ACOS/R&D Responsibilities

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Question: Can the ACOS/R&D delegate to others the Scope of Practice approvals required by VHA Directive 1200 §5.pp and VHA Handbook 1200.05 §62.c?

Answer: The ACOS/R&D cannot delegate Scope of Practice approvals to others. However, the ACOS/R&D can rely on information and recommendations from others in granting such approvals. (Original Post Date: March 12, 2012)

Question: Can the ACOS/R&D delegate to others the notifications to investigators, required by VHA Handbook 1200.01 §7.a, that research can be initiated or continued?

Answer: The written notification informing the investigator that research can be initiated or continued must come from and be signed by the ACOS/R&D. (Original Post Date: March 12, 2012)

References: *VHA Directive 1200 §5.pp*
VHA Handbook 1200.01 §7.a
VHA Handbook 1200.05 §62.c