

IRB REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF IRB?

Protect the rights and welfare of human participants

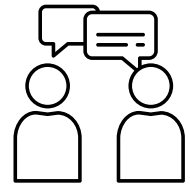


ARE YOU CONDUCTING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH?

- Living individuals about whom research is being conducted.
- Research is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge.

IS THE INFORMATION BEING COLLECTED ABOUT INDIVIDUALS?

- Gathers info or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual.
- Uses, studies, analyzes or generates identifiable private information or biospecimens.

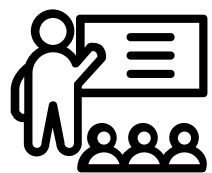


HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT IS RESEARCH OR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT?

- Quality improvement: Only improves a practice or process (Not subject to IRB review)
- Research: Designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge.

DO CLASSROOM PROJECTS REQUIRE IRB APPROVAL?

- If students only present their study in a classroom; the project does not meet the definition of research because it does not contribute to generalizable knowledge.




WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT TO THE IRB?

- The IRB must review and approve the project prior to investigators beginning any proposed research activity (including recruitment of subjects).

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 After reviewing these materials, if you find that the activity you plan to conduct is not subject to IRB approval, best practice is to verify with the Research Compliance Office to obtain an official determination.

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