Institutional Review Board

Is an activity “Research Involving Human Subjects”?

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Is the activity a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge?

NO

Activity is not research, so there is no need for IRB approval

YES

Activity is research. Does the research involve obtaining information about living individuals?

NO

The research is not research involving human subjects, and there is no need for IRB approval

YES

Does the research involve intervention or interaction with the individuals?

NO

Is gathered information individually identifiable? (i.e. the identity of the subject is readily ascertained by the PI or associated with the information?)

YES

Do you gather “private” information? (i.e. about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, or provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public?)

YES

Activity is research involving human subjects.

IRB review is required

NO

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