

What Level of Review Do I Need?

Answer Each question, in order, yes or no. If yes, follow the arrow to the appropriate category. If no, answer the next question.

*Please note, this chart is meant to help you determine what is the minimum level of review necessary for your study. The IRB may determine that your study needs to be reviewed at a higher level. If this is the case, reasons for such a decision will be provided to you.

1. Does your study involve minors, pregnant women, prisoners, fetuses, or another group whose ability to consent may be compromised?
2. Does your study involve more than minimal risk?
3. Does your study collect information about participants that can be potentially harmful to those participants and can those participants be re-identified?
4. Does your study involve deceiving participants without first informing those participants that they may be misled or deceived?

If NO
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5. Does your study involve more than one session (not counting classroom activities)?
6. If your study involves regular educational practices, will you be a participant in any activities other than observation and data collection?
7. Does your study involve moderate exercise, collection of biospecimens, and/or biological data from non-invasive instrumentation?

If NO
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8. Do you plan to make generalizations from your study to a group or population?
9. Does your study qualify for exempt status under one of the 8 conditions listed in 45 CFR 46?

If YES

→ Convened

If YES

→ Expedited

If YES

→ Exempt