IRB 101

What is the IRB?

What does the IRB do?

- Oversees all UPenn research on human participants

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- Federally funded research [Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)]
- Industry sponsored research through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Investigator-initiated research (whether funded or not) conducted by student or faculty

New Submissions

How the IRB reviews research

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- **Reviews are divided into categories**:
  - **Administrative acknowledgment** (not human subjects/not research/or both)
  - **Exempt from IRB review**
  - **Expedited** (minimal risk)
  - **Convened IRB** (greater than minimal risk, reviewed by convened IRB)

NOT RESEARCH OR NOT HUMAN SUBJECTS

- IRB submission is **NOT REQUIRED**
- Your dissertation chair will help you determine if submission is required.

New Submissions

Exempt & Expedited Reviews

EXEMPT

- Must be determined by the IRB staff that the research qualifies
- Exempt research examples:
  - Surveys, interviews and observations that do not put subjects at risk of any liabilities
    - *Non-sensitive surveys, interviews, oral histories*
    - *Information that may be sensitive in nature, but identifying information about the subject is not retained*
  - and do not involve:
    - *Children*
    - *Prisoners*
    - *FDA regulation*

New Submissions

Convened IRB Review

(Protocol reviewed at the IRB meetings)

IRB WEBSITE