Brandeis University IRB Review Determination Tree

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

No

Activity is not research and does not require IRB approval

Does the research involve obtaining information about living individuals?

Yes

Does the research involve only existing data?

No

Research is not human subject research and does not require IRB approval

Is or may the identity of the subjects be readily ascertained by the investigator?

Yes

Does the research involve an intervention or interaction with individuals?

No

Research is not human subject research and does not require IRB approval

Is the data coded or linked to the identity of the subjects in any way?

Yes

Research requires IRB approval. Submit Existing Data Application.

No

Research is not human subject research and does not require IRB approval

Does the research involve deception, prisoners, or risks/discomfort/distress beyond those the subject would encounter in daily life?

Yes

Research requires IRB approval. Submit Initial Application.

No

Research requires IRB approval. Submit Exempt Research Application.

Yes

Does all of the involvement with the subjects fall into an exempt category? *

No

Research requires IRB approval. Submit an Initial Application.

*For a list and explanation of exempt categories, see Categories of Review

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