Does a Project Need IRB Evaluation?

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

- Yes; ex: research paper, dissertation
- No; ex: survey or focus groups on HCC services

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

- Yes; ex: HCC students or staff
- No; ex: history of HCC

Does the research involve intervention or interaction with the individuals?

- Yes; ex: interviews with students or faculty
- No; ex: data from Peoplesoft

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

- Yes; ex: individual Peoplesoft records
- No; ex: participants in HCC public forums

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?)

Activity is research involving human subjects. IRB review is required.

Activity is not research, so there is no need for IRB review.

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