IRB Review Flow Chart

Does my project require IRB approval?

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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 ←

YES ↓

Activity is research involving human subjects.

IRB review is required

NO ↓

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