Expedited Review of Research

OHSU Policy

I. Policy
   A. Expedited review of research includes consideration of all determinations required for approval as defined in applicable federal, state and local regulations per 45 CFR 46.111 and subparts B, C, and D, if applicable. The standard requirements for informed consent (or its waiver, alteration, or exception) apply regardless of the type of review.
   B. Expedited reviews may be carried out by the IRB Chair, an IRB Co-Chair or by one or more experienced reviewers designated by the Chair from among members of the IRB. Consultants may assist the IRB in the review of issues which require expertise beyond, or in addition to, that available on the IRB.
   C. In reviewing the research, the reviewers may exercise all of the authorities of the IRB except that the reviewers may not disapprove the research.
   D. The expedited review process may be used for the initial review of projects involving:
      1. no more than minimal risk, and
      2. only those procedures listed in one or more of the expedited categories, see Appendix A.
      3. The activities listed should not be deemed to be of minimal risk simply because they are included on this list in Appendix A.
   E. The expedited review procedure for initial review of projects is not used where identification of the subjects and/or their responses would reasonably place them at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, insurability, reputation, or be stigmatizing, unless reasonable and appropriate protections are implemented so that risks related to invasion of privacy and breach of confidentiality are no greater than minimal.
   F. The expedited review procedure may not be used for classified research involving human subjects.
   G. Modifications to previously approved research projects may be expedited if the modification involves only a minor modification to the approved project during the (one year or less) period of approval.
   H. Full board studies may be review using expedited review procedures if the study falls into one of the categories in Appendix B.
   I. The Chair, Co-Chairs or designee retain the right to require full board review when warranted by the nature of the research where there are concerns with regard to subject safety or welfare.
   J. ORIO keeps all IRB members advised of research proposals that have been approved under the expedited review procedure.
   K. Expedited review procedures are typically not used research involving prisoners. However, if an IRB Chair, at its discretion, chooses to use expedited review for research involving prisoners because the activity meets the expedited review criteria, the prisoner representative of the IRB will be one of the designated reviewers.

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