

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
SOP 401: LIMITED IRB REVIEW**

POLICY

Limited IRB review is a new type of review for certain exempt and expedited protocols. It allows certain research to be categorized as exempt, even when the identifiable information might be sensitive or potentially harmful if disclosed. If the information is both identifiable and sensitive or potentially harmful, the safeguards offered by the limited IRB review may allow an exemption determination to be made.

PROCEDURES**1. Utilization**

1.1 This type of IRB review is required for granting exempt status in some circumstances for Exemption 2 and Exemption 3.

2. The Reviewer

2.1 The limited IRB review shall be conducted by the IRB Co-Chair.

2.2 The IRB Co-Chair must ensure there are adequate provisions in place to protect the privacy of subjects and to maintain the confidentiality of data.

3. Authority

3.1 In reviewing the research, the reviewer may exercise all of the authorities of the IRB except that the reviewer may not disapprove the research.

4. Report of Reviews

4.1 When a limited IRB review is completed, the other members of the IRB are informed about the review through the IRB Agenda and the subsequent IRB Minutes.

SCOPE

This SOP applies to all IRB members, the IRB administrator, and members of the research community.