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Political Regulation of Research

- **Historically, governments have had to put serious restrictions on researchers. In fact, the origin of codes of research ethics can be traced to the NUREMBERG CODE, a list of rules established by a military tribunal on Nazi war crimes during World War II.**

The principles outlined in the Nuremberg Code include:

- **Voluntary consent**
- **Avoidance of unnecessary suffering**
- **Avoidance of accidental death or disability**
- **Termination of research if harm is likely**
- **Experiments should be conducted by highly qualified people**
- **Results should be for the good of society and unattainable by any other means**

National Research Act (Pub. L. 93-348)

On July 12, 1974, the National Research Act (Pub. L. 93-348) was signed into law, thereby creating the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research.

One of the charges to the Commission was to identify the basic ethical principles that should underlie the conduct of biomedical and behavioral research involving human subjects and to develop guidelines which should be followed to assure that such research is conducted in accordance with those principles.

The Commission was directed to consider:

- the boundaries between biomedical and behavioral research and the accepted and routine practice of medicine,**
- the role of assessment of risk-benefit criteria in the determination of the appropriateness of research involving human subjects,**
- appropriate guidelines for the selection of human subjects for participation in such research and the nature and definition of informed consent in various research settings.**

What is Institutional Review Board?

- **An Institutional Review Board (IRB), according to federal law, must evaluate the potential physical or psychological risk of research involving human subjects.**
- **All proposed human research must be reviewed and approved by an IRB before experimentation begins.**
- **This includes any surveys or questionnaires to be used in a project.**

Participant's Perspective

- Who are the participants?
- How are they recruited?
- Coerced to participate?
- Will they understand, in advance, what they are agreeing to participate in?
- Could the participant be compromised or embarrassed if information collected leaked out?
- Is it possible that the experience might be injurious, painful, uncomfortable, needlessly boring, embarrassing, offensive, or otherwise stressful?
- Long-term consequences?
- IRB's role is to look at the study from this perspective and to ensure that proper precautions are taken to protect individuals when they agree to participate in research.

Historical Overview:

The Belmont Report – April 18, 1979

Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research

Respect for
Persons

- ▶ Informed Consent
- ▶ Capacity to Consent

Beneficence

- ▶ Do no harm
- ▶ Maximize Benefit

Justice

- ▶ Equitable Selection of Subjects
- ▶ Equitable Burdens and Benefits

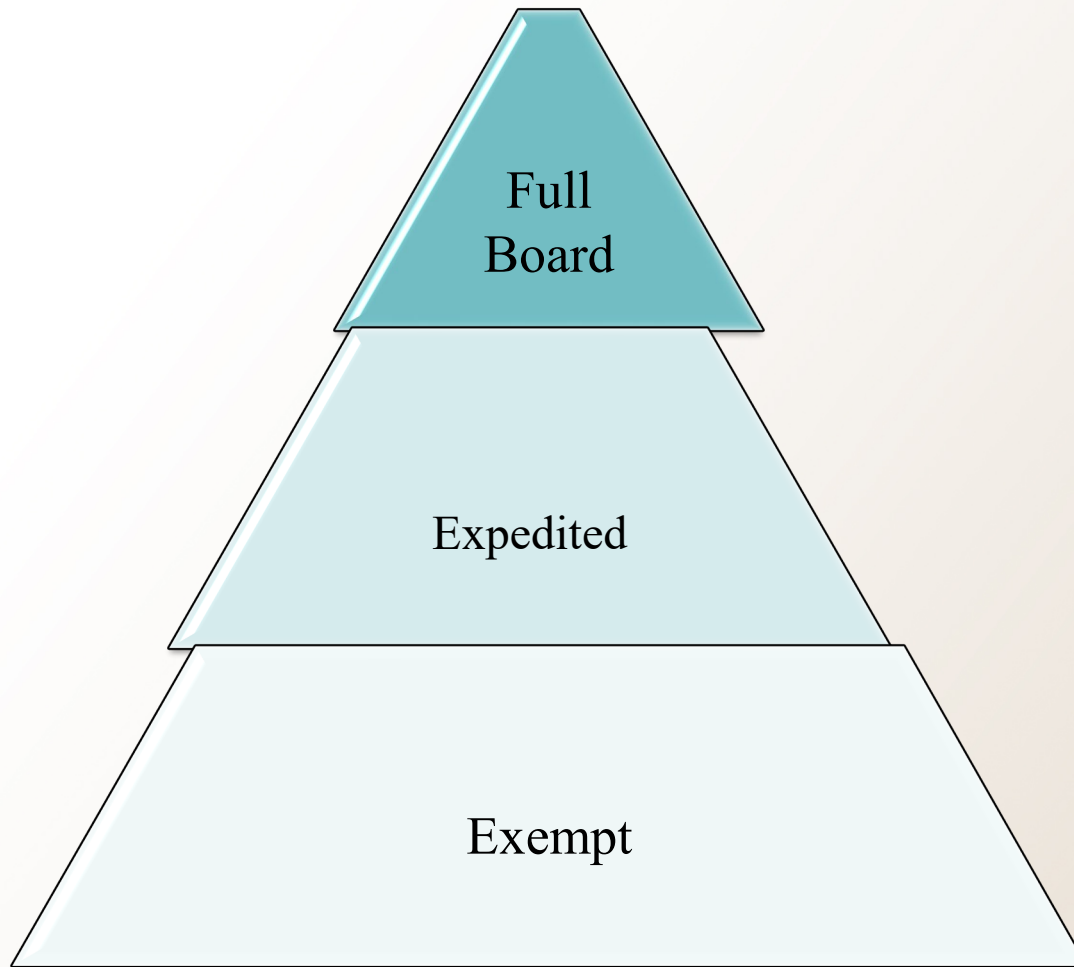
Institutional Review Board (IRB): Mission, Duties, Authorities

- **Mission** ~ To protect the rights and welfare of individuals participating in research involving human subjects
- **Duties** ~ To approve, disapprove, modify, suspend research as necessary to ensure protections for human subjects in research
- **Authority** ~ To exercise final authority within the institution for ensuring adequate protections for subjects. Officials of the institution may not approve research if it has not been approved by an IRB.

Criteria for IRB Approval

- **Risks are Minimized** (Consistent with a sound research design and does not unnecessarily expose subjects to risk)
- **Risks are Reasonable** in Relation to Benefits
- Selection of Subjects is **Equitable**
- Informed Consent will be Sought for Each Prospective Subject
- Informed Consent will Be Documented
- Research Plan Adequately Provides for **Monitoring the Data Collected to Ensure Safety** of the Subjects
- Research Plan **Adequately Protects the Privacy of Subjects and Maintains Confidentiality**
- When some or all of the subjects are likely to be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence, additional safeguards need to be included in the protocol to protect the rights and welfare of these subjects.

Levels of IRB review for research with humans



- More than minimal risk to participants
 - Not covered under other review categories
 - Example: Interventions involving physical or emotional discomfort or sensitive data
- Not greater than minimal risk
 - Fits one of the 9 Expedited Review Categories
 - Examples: Collection of biospecimens by noninvasive means, research with existing documents or records collected for non-research purposes where participants are identifiable
- Less than minimal risk
 - Fits one of the 6 Exempt categories
 - Fits additional Flex exemption*
 - Example: Research with de-identified records, anonymous surveys

Exemption

- Under Federal regulations, certain categories of activity are considered research, but can be declared exempt from further review by the IRB.
- This determination is made by the IRB itself, not the researcher. To qualify for an exemption, the study may not pose more than **minimal risk** to human subjects

Investigator's Concern

- **The primary concern of the investigator should be the safety of the research participant.**
- **Harm to research participants must be avoided.**
- **The independence of research must be clear, and any conflicts of interest or partiality must be explicit.**

Informed Consent

- Competent individuals are entitled to choose freely whether to participate in research, and they are able to do so only if they adequately understand what the research entails.
- The informed consent process is described thoroughly in the protocol;
- Sharing appropriate information in a culturally sensitive manner, addressing questions and concerns that arise, and ensuring that decisions about participation are made freely;
- The process provides appropriate information, and supports comprehension of the information and voluntary participation.
- The informed consent form itself is clear and complete;

Informed Consent - graphic

1

A statement that the project is research and participation is voluntary

2

A summary of the research, including:

- Purpose
- Duration
- List of procedures

3

Reasonable, foreseeable risks or discomforts

4

Reasonable, expected benefits

5

Alternative procedures or course of treatment, if any

Modified from www.citiprogram.com

Informed Consent - cont

- *2018 Federal Common Rule IRB Regulations require that potential participants be presented with, “a concise and focused presentation of the key information.” This part of the informed consent must be organized and presented in a way that facilitates comprehension.*
- *Include Key Information that is most likely to assist a participant in understanding the reasons why one might or might not want to participate in the research. The Key Information may be the most critical risks & benefits, but could also be other pros and cons that a reasonable person would want to consider.*
- *For all consent documents that are more than 4 pages in length, you need to offer Key Information face sheet followed by the detailed informed consent document. Also, you may use an appendix for specific instructions, diagrams or graphics presented in a way that facilitates comprehension.*

Privacy and Confidentiality

- **Unauthorized invasions of privacy and breaches of confidentiality are disrespectful to participants and can lead to feelings of loss of control or embarrassment, as well as tangible harms such as social stigma, rejection by families or communities, or lost opportunities such as employment or housing.**
- **Research protocols should also include clear procedures about how research participants' privacy will be maintained throughout the course of the research.**
- **Confidentiality is a duty of all members of the research team.**

What is Privacy and Confidentiality?

- **What is the difference between privacy and confidentiality?**
 - Privacy is about people and setting
 - Having control over the extent, timing, and circumstances of sharing oneself with others.
 - Privacy is an individual right.
- **Confidentiality is about data**
 - Disclosed private information, given in a relationship of trust, will not be divulged to others in ways not originally agreed upon.
 - It is the obligation of the researcher to keep collected private information from being shared with others.

Training for human subjects research

■ Training for Human Research Oversight Responsibilities (THOR)

- Go to [WebCampus](#) and log in as you normally do to access courses with your NetID/Password.
- While logged into WebCampus, open the IRB training course at unr.canvaslms.com/enroll/X3B4LC in a new tab or window in the same browser.
- You should then see a link to complete the enrollment without having to re-enter your username and password.

■ Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

- Go to the [Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative](#)
Be sure to locate University of Nevada, Reno in the drop down options
- When you get to the options for which training you would like to take, scroll down to Question 1: Human Subject Research (Basic Course) choose either Group 1 or Group 2, whichever most closely matches your discipline

Determine if Human Research

- Human subject means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research:
 - (i) Obtains information or biospecimens through **intervention or interaction** with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or
 - (ii) Obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates **identifiable private information** or identifiable biospecimens.
- (2) Intervention includes both physical procedures by which information or biospecimens are gathered (e.g., venipuncture) and **manipulations of the subject or the subject's environment** that are performed for research purposes.
- (3) Interaction includes communication or interpersonal contact between investigator and subject.
- (4) Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which **an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place**, and information that has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and that the individual can **reasonably expect will not be made public** (e.g., a medical record).
- (5) Identifiable private information is private information for which the **identity of the subject is or may readily be ascertained by the investigator** or associated with the information.

Research

- **Research means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to **generalizable knowledge**. Activities that meet this definition constitute research for purposes of this policy, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes.**

Deemed not to be research

- (1) Scholarly and journalistic activities (e.g., **oral history, journalism**, biography, **literary criticism**, legal research, and historical scholarship), including the collection and use of information, that focus directly on the specific individuals about whom the information is collected.
- (2) Public health surveillance activities, including the collection and testing of information or biospecimens, conducted, supported, requested, ordered, required, or **authorized by a public health authority**. Such activities are limited to those necessary to allow a public health authority to identify, monitor, assess, or investigate potential public health signals, onsets of disease outbreaks, or conditions of public health importance (including trends, signals, risk factors, patterns in diseases, or increases in injuries from using consumer products). Such activities include those associated with providing timely situational awareness and priority setting during the course of an event or crisis that threatens public health (including natural or man-made disasters).
- (3) Collection and analysis of information, biospecimens, or records by or for a **criminal justice agency for activities authorized by law or court order** solely for criminal justice or criminal investigative purposes.
- (4) Authorized operational activities (as determined by each agency) in support of intelligence, **homeland security, defense**, or other national security missions.

EXAMPLES OF STUDIES THAT ARE HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH

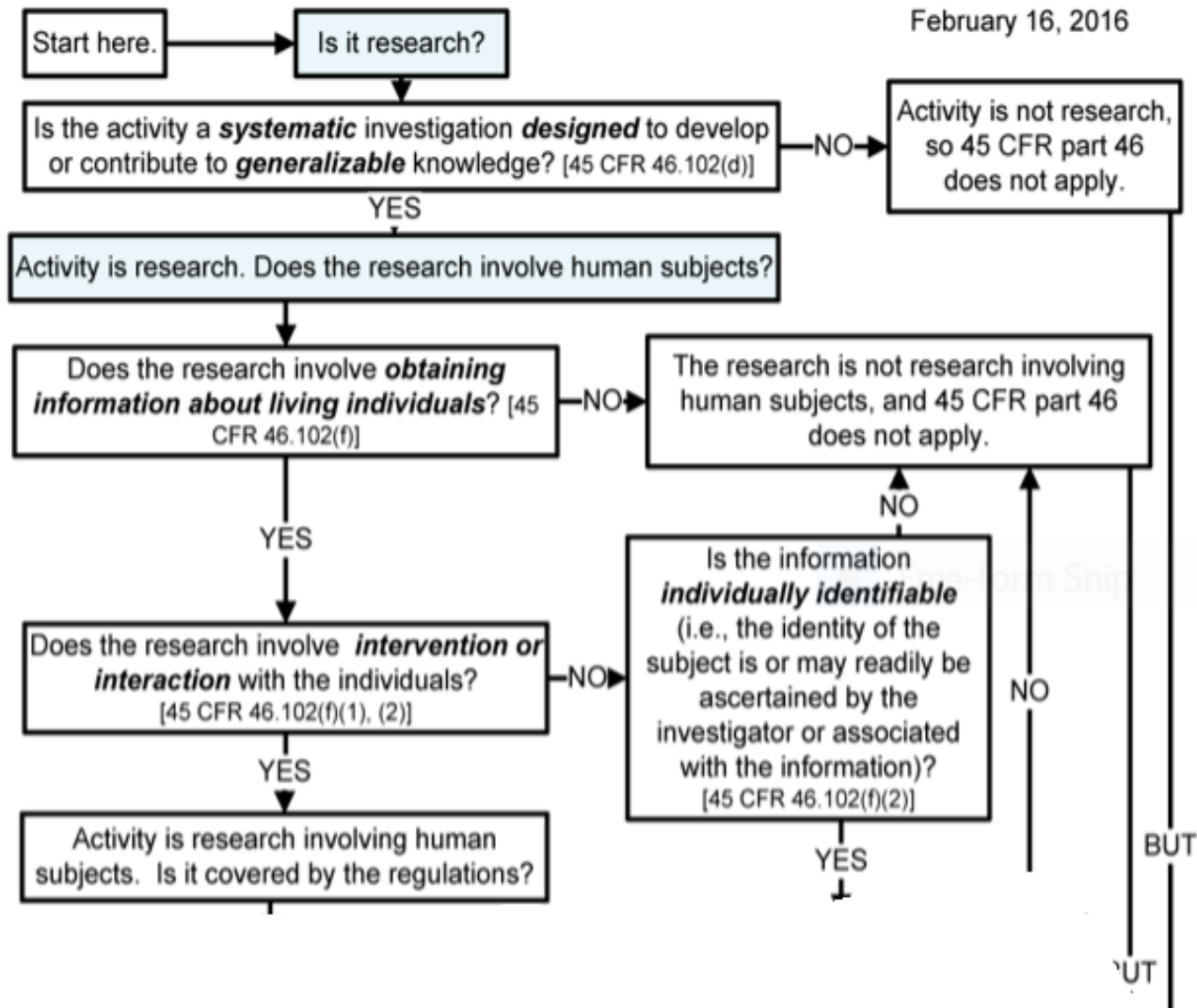
- **Studies that collect data through intervention or interaction with individuals. Examples of this type of research include, internet surveys, studies that involve deception, research involving risky behaviors or attitudes, and open-ended interviews that contribute to generalizable knowledge.**
- **Studies using private information that can be readily linked to individuals, even if the information was not collected specifically for the study in question.**
- **Studies that produce generalizable knowledge about categories or classes of subjects from individually identifiable information.**
- **Studies that use human beings to evaluate environmental alterations. For example, making changes to a living or working space (e.g. changing the temperature); studies with pretest, education on alteration and post test.**

Determine If Your Project Is Human Subjects Research

- **Before you begin a study, you should first determine whether your project meets the definition of human subjects research. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Human Research Protections provides guides.**
- **If your study does not qualify as human subjects research, your sponsor or a publication may require certification.**

Is it Research?

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Evaluative studies

- **Systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics and outcomes of programs to make judgments about the program (or processes, products, systems, organizations, personnel, or policies), improve effectiveness, and/or inform decisions about future program development.**

Intent

- **Answer a research question**
- **Go external**
 - Peer Journal request Ethics approval letter
- **Existing Data – on-the-shelf**
 - Collect internal surveys from students for 3 years
 - Determine data merit to answer research question

IRBNet access

- All protocols must be submitted through IRBNet. Use our instructional materials to help you navigate through your submission process.
- Step-by-step guides with images

<https://www.unr.edu/research-integrity/training/irbnet>

How do I select and prepare the correct IRB application?

- **Exemption**
- **Part II Social Behavior**
 - Start with Part 1 Coversheet
- The Part I cover sheet collects basic information:
- PI, contact person, Co-I, research team list
- Type of research
- Type of review
- Funding information
- Risk level
- Vulnerable populations as participants
- When completed, you can print this form, and the form and your answers will prompt you as to additional forms or other documents you need to prepare and upload to complete your submission.

How to locate the Part I cover sheet IRBNet



Go to the designer page in your protocol by clicking on the designer button on the left.

Welcome to IRBNet
Valerie Smith

- Submission Manager
- Agendas and Minutes
- My Projects
- Create New Project
- My Reminders (118)
- Project Administration**
 - Project Overview
 - Designer**
 - Share this Project
 - Sign this Package
 - Submit this Package

Project Overview

[1207014-1] Test

You have Full access to this project. [\(Edit\)](#)

Research Institution	University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV
Title Test	
Principal Investigator	test, test

The documents for this project can be accessed from the [Designer](#).

Project Status as of: 03/02/2018

Reviewing Board	Initial Approval Date	Project Status	Expiration Date
There is no Project Status information to display as of 03/02/2018.			

Package 1207014-1 is: **Work in progress** [Package 1 of 1](#) | [Jump](#) ▼

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This package has not been submitted.				

Shared with the following users:

User	Organization	Access Type
Smith, Valerie	University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV	Full



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Protocol

Study Protocol Title:

Be consistent with the title throughout your application, protocol and the regulatory documents

Table of Contents:**List of Abbreviations:**

Use commonly used abbreviations and acronyms.

Principal Investigator, Research Team, and Study Site:

Principal investigator:

Co-Investigators:

Research team and contact Information:

Study site:

Research Synopsis

Free-form Snip

Study Title

Enter the full title

Study Population

Include a brief description of the population such as health status, gender, age, etc.

Study Design

Present an overview of the study design for example, retrospective chart review, data or specimen collection, etc.

Sample Size

Include total number of patients or charts for the study including other sites.

Study Duration

Length of time to review charts, data collection, and analysis till the completion of the study



How to locate the Part I cover sheet IRBNet

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🔔 Messages & Alerts

Other Tools
Track Training (13)
Forms and Templates
Library Manager

Package: ▼ 1207014-1 Work in progress (Not submitted)
[Click to add a package description or notes.](#)

Step 1: Download blank forms, document templates and reference materials to assist you in assembling your document package. [Hide Form Libraries](#)

Select a Library: University of Nevada, Reno Institutional Review Board, Reno, NV ▼

Select a Document: 1 Narrative Study Protocol Template - Record Review ▼
[Download](#)

Step 2: Assemble your document package by attaching existing project documents while maintaining version history, or attach new documents to your package. [Learn more](#)

Documents in this Package

There are no Training & Creation Records

[Start a Wizard](#) OR [Attach New Document](#) (When should I do this?)

Click and hold the Start a Wizard button to see the UNR coversheet link appear. The form will pop open for you to enter protocol data.



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Form Complete

IRBNet Document Wizard

University of Nevada, Reno - Part I, Cover Sheet - [1167658-2] Accessibility Test

Jump To: Form Complete ▼

Jump

Form Complete

You have completed Part I of the application process. **Preview** Part I and correct if needed. Print the last page so you have the list of the researcher forms required for this research. Click **Save and Exit**. Log-in to IRBNet, go to My Projects, select the new project, and **Add** the remaining required documents (listed below or referenced in the researcher forms/applications), and electronically **Sign** and **Submit** the project. If you have any questions, refer to the [IRBNet pages of the RI website](#).

Additional required researcher forms:

- *Complete Request for Human Research Determination*

Save and Exit

Preview

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The navigation pane is on the left, and your current location in work space appears in the upper right.

Navigation Pane

Current location in work space

My Projects

Your "My Projects" workspace shows projects that you have created and projects that have been shared with you by other users on the National Research Network. Use Reminders, Tags and Archiving to help organize your workspace and keep it running smoothly. (Learn More)

Search: Search By Tag:

Create and Manage Tags | Show Archived Projects (74)

IRBNet ID	Project Title	Principal Investigator	Submission Type	Status	Date
597310-1	Valerie Smith practice	Smith	Work in progress (Not submitted)		
592467-1	Secondary Pre-Service Teachers Beliefs ...	Wulfing	New Project	Approved	03/31/2014
592426-1	REMSA CHP Survey	Larson	Other	Acknowledged	03/31/2014
591324-1	Irdrtr	Moody	Work in progress (Not submitted)		
591307-1	Family Stress and Early Intervention for...	Bingham	Continuing Review/ Progress Report	Approved	03/27/2014
590034-1	Nevada Baby Birth Evaluation and Assessm...	Yang	New Project	Approved	03/25/2014

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Click the arrow to view the forms library list; select and download all forms needed for your submission as guided by the wizard form.

The screenshot displays the IRBNet web application interface. At the top, the header shows 'IRBNet ID: 1207014-1' and 'USER PROFILE LOGOUT'. The main navigation bar includes the IRBNet logo and a 'Designer' role indicator. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various functions: 'Welcome to IRBNet Valerie Smith', 'Submission Manager', 'Agendas and Minutes', 'My Projects', 'Create New Project', 'My Reminders (138)', 'Project Administration' (with sub-items like Project Overview, Designer, Share this Project, Sign this Package, Submit this Package, Delete this Package, Send Project Mail, Project History, Messages & Alerts), and 'Other Tools' (with sub-items like Track Training (13), Forms and Templates, Library Manager). The main content area is titled '[1207014] Test' and shows a 'Package' dropdown set to '1207014-1 Work in progress (Not submitted)'. Below this, a 'Select a Library' dropdown is set to 'University of Nevada, Reno Institutional Review Board, Reno, NV'. A 'Select a Document' dropdown is open, showing a list of forms. A yellow arrow points to the first item in this list: '1 Narrative Study Protocol Template - Record Review'. The list also includes '1 Part II Application, Biomedical **UPDATED 11/22/17**', '1 Part II Application, Social Behavior/Education **UPDATED 11/22/17**', '2 Amendment Request including change in PI **UPDATED 01/02/18**', '3 Continuing Review (Renewal) form', '4 Request for Human Subject Research Determination **UPDATED 01/08/18**', '5 Request to Use External IRB **UPDATED 01/26/18**', '6 Research Drugs Biologicals Dietary Supplements Blood Biospecimens Devices **UPDATED 02/05/18**', '7 Research: International **UPDATED 01/26/18**', '8 Responsible Official Attestation', 'California Patient in Research Bill of Rights', 'Clinical Trials Registry Data Form', 'Closure Request', 'Consent Form Template, Humanitarian Use Device', 'Consent Conference Checklist for Researchers - Consent process aid **NEW**', 'Consent Conference Teachback Tool for Researchers - Consent process aid **NEW**', 'Consent Form Checklist- Use to Adapt Sponsor Form', 'Consent Form Instructions BIO **UPDATED 02/05/18**', 'Consent Form Instructions SOC', and 'Consent Form Template, 1 Information Sheet or Script'. The 'Document Type' dropdown is set to 'HIPAA Compliant'. The 'University of Nevada, Reno' is listed as the 'Institution' with a status of '(incomplete)'. The 'There are no' section is empty.



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Complete all application forms and gather all other study materials to upload them into your project. Other materials may include recruitment ads, data instruments, consent forms, training records, conflict of interest reports, CVs, and other committee approvals. Click attach new document to browse and find the study documents.

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Click to add a package description or notes.

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Step 2:
Assemble your document package here. You can add new project documents, revise existing project documents while maintaining version history, and link your project team's Training & Credentials to your package. Learn more

Documents in this Package:

There are no documents in this package.

There are no Training & Credentials records linked to this package. Link / Un-Link Training Records

Start a Wizard OR Attach New Document



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Recruitment Settings and Procedures

Common Recruitment Venues

- Flyers or advertisements
- Emails or letters
- Scripted presentations
- Direct Person-to-person contact with prospective participants
- SONA (for University researchers)
- Third party assistance and snowball sampling
- Recruitment lists, databases, and repositories

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- Help
- My Projects
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 - Submit this Package
 - Delete this Package
 - Send Project Mail
- Reviews
- Project History
- Create a New Package
- Messages & Alerts (1)
- Other Tools
 - Forms and Templates

Next, click the sign this package button. Click the drop down arrow to select Principal Investigator for the role and click sign. PIs are required to review and sign off on all new projects, renewals, and amendments. Responsible Officials (RO) need to sign only on new projects that require expedited or full board review, **not exemptions**. These signatures may not be delegated to someone else. You will need to request RO signature by email when the submission is complete and ready for his/her review.



Sign Package

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I Valerie Smith, as , certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this package is accurate and complete, has been prepared in accordance with all applicable institutional requirements and is ready for submission. I further certify that this electronic signature is intended to be the legally binding equivalent of a traditional handwritten signature.

Sign

To sign on behalf of another person, switch to [Designee Signature Mode](#).



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A screenshot of the IRBNet sidebar menu. The menu is divided into several sections: 'Help' with a question mark icon; 'My Projects' with a link to 'Create New Project'; 'My Reminders (1)' with a heart icon; 'Project Administration' with links for 'Project Overview', 'Designer', 'Share this Project', 'Sign this Package', 'Submit this Package', 'Delete this Package', 'Send Project Mail', 'Reviews', 'Project History', and 'Create a New Package'; 'Messages & Alerts (1)' with a bell icon; and 'Other Tools' with a link to 'Forms and Templates'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Submit this Package' link.

The most important step is to **submit** the package. Click submit and select UNR in the pop-up window. This is a separate step in the process.

A screenshot of the 'Submit Package' pop-up window. The window title is 'Submit Package'. Below the title bar, it says '[1207014-1] Test'. The main text explains that IRBNet supports multiple models of review and that using the 'Submit' feature allows for electronic submission to one or multiple boards. It states that each board will be notified and can electronically record their review decision. Below this text, it says 'Please select a Board:'. There is a search bar labeled 'Search for an Organization' with 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A checkbox labeled 'Only show My Default Boards' is checked. A list of boards is shown: 'University of Nevada, Reno Institutional Review Board' and 'Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB)'. Below the list is a 'Select a Board *' label. At the bottom are 'Continue' and 'Cancel' buttons. A footnote at the bottom left says '* required fields'. A yellow arrow points from the 'Submit this Package' menu item to the 'Submit Package' window.

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In the next window, select the submission type, add any important comments for the recipients, and click **submit**.

The IRB will not see the submission for processing until this step is complete.

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Submit Package

The following users at **University of Nevada, Reno Institutional Review Board** will be automatically notified of your submission:

- Anderson, Jan
- Integrity, Research
- Moody, Nancy
- Smith, Valerie
- Wallace, Christine

Submission Type: *

You may also specify additional comments to be included in this notification.

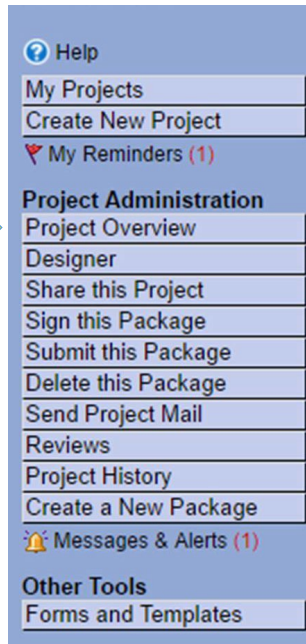
Your Comments:



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Confirm that your project has been submitted by clicking the project overview button to return to this screen. Before submission, your project status will indicate **“work in progress.”**

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After submission, your project status will indicate **“pending review.”**

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University of Nevada, Reno Institutional Review Board, Reno, NV	02/19/2018	New Project	Social Behavioral	Pending Review		Review Details View Workspace



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Steps:

1. Create the project record
2. Complete Part I core form/cover sheet first (very important), and complete and upload protocol documents
3. Share the package with research team and administrators
4. Sign the submission (new protocol, modification, renewal)
5. Submit your project to the IRB



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Internet Studies

- **Recruitment of subjects online--whether by email, chat room, discussion board, or other means-- must be guided by the level of privacy expected by participants.**
- **Some sites are “fully public” whereas others require user login or invitation by a site administrator.**
- **Researchers must ensure they obtain appropriate permission from a website or discussion board administrator and include a copy of that approval in his/her IRB submission.**
-

Internet Studies cont

- **Electronic mail E-mails are not “public information” simply because they are posted on a website. The websites of many professional societies often have guidelines for contacting (or not contacting) its members to participate in research, even if the members’ names/emails appear on that organization’s website.**
- **People under the age of 18 cannot legally consent to participate in a research study. However, researchers recruiting from the internet cannot know the exact age of respondents. For this reason, it is best to limit online research studies to minimal risk research that would typically qualify for waiver of parental consent under federal regulations.**

Right to Withdrawal

- **Online survey instruments must explain at the outset what options are available, if any, for retrieving and discarding responses, and for some studies it may be appropriate to provide a “no response” option for questions subjects may consider to be sensitive or intrusive.**

Mechanical Turk - Amazon

- **Recent research shows that MTurk worker IDs can easily be linked to individual Amazon profiles including individuals wish lists and previous product reviews. This means that researchers must be careful in deciding what information to collect from participants. The default should be that participants MTurk worker IDs not be collected. If it is necessary to collect worker IDs, then the researchers should ensure that worker IDs are kept confidential and secure, are not linked back to survey data, and are deleted after use.**

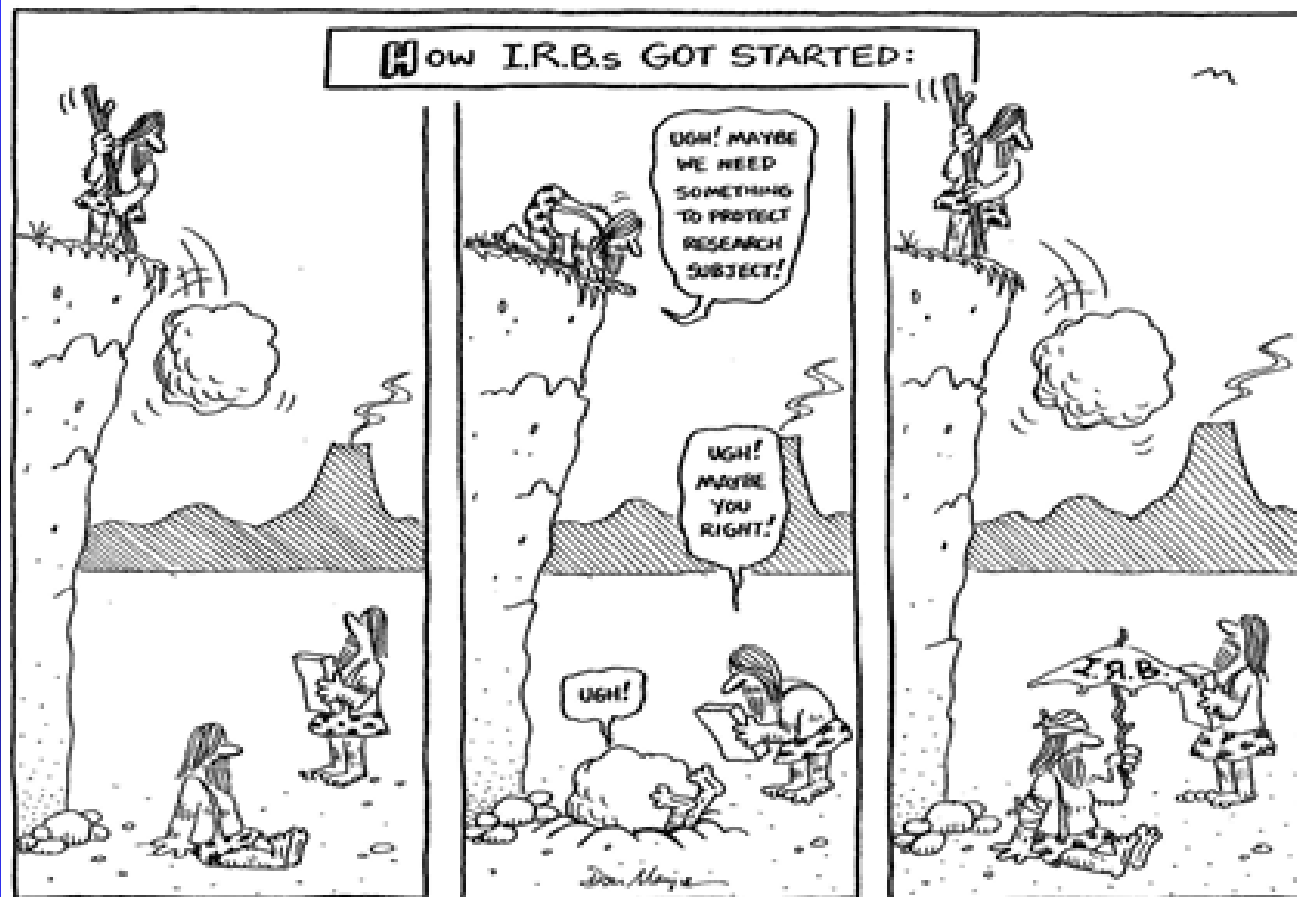
Consent Transparency

Your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time, and you may choose not to answer any question, but you must proceed to the final screen of the study in order to receive your completion code which you must submit in order to be paid.

Anytime you share information online there are risks. We're using a secure system to collect this data, but we can't completely eliminate this risk. Amazon could link your worker ID (and associated personal information) with your survey responses. Make sure you have read Amazon's MTurk participant and privacy agreements to understand how your personal information may be used or disclosed.

In accordance with Mechanical Turk policies, we may reject your work if the HIT was not completed correctly or the instructions were not followed.

How IRB's Got Started



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