



Santa Clarita Community College District - Institutional Review Board

ELIGIBLE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW

Human subject research activities involving no more than minimal risk to the subjects may be eligible for expedited review by Santa Clarita Community College District's Institutional Review Board Co-Chairs. The principal investigator/project director is authorized to make the first determination of eligibility for expedited review; however, the District bears the responsibility for concurring in that determination based on information provided by the principal investigator.

Research activities eligible for expedited review:

- (1) Clinical studies of drugs and medical devices only when condition (a) or (b) is met.
- (2) Collection of blood samples by finger stick, heel stick, ear stick, or venipuncture.
- (3) Prospective collection of biological specimens for research purposes by noninvasive means.
- (4) Collection of data through noninvasive procedures (not involving general anesthesia or sedation) routinely employed in clinical practice, excluding procedures involving x-rays or microwaves.
- (5) Research involving materials (data, documents, records, or specimens) that have been collected, or will be collected solely for non-research purposes (such as medical treatment or diagnosis). (Note: Some research in this category may be exempt from the HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects according to [45 CFR 46.101\(b\)\(4\)](#)).
- (6) Collection of data from voice, video, digital, or image recordings made for research purposes.
- (7) Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies. (Note: Some research in this category may be exempt from the HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects according to 45 CFR 46.101(b)(2) and (b)(3)).

Expedited review may also be used to review minor changes in previously approved research. Questions about whether a research activity may be appropriate for expedited review can be directed to the Institutional Review Board at IRB@canyons.edu.