

IRB Policy to Exclude Certain Forms of Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Research from Review

Summary/Purpose: Lists certain types of human subjects research that do not require Institutional Review Board (IRB) review or applications.

- All human subjects research requires an application to the IRB
- Quality assurance / quality improvement (QA/QI) could be considered research by the federal regulations
- The IRB has determined that certain forms of QA/QI activities do not require IRB review or applications:
 - Teaching, Faculty and Staff evaluations (However, research on such evaluations *would* require IRB review)
 - Performance evaluations
 - Institutional program review
 - Classroom assessment
 - Curriculum review
 - Strategic planning
 - Performance improvement research conducted exclusively by Athletics Department personnel (However, Athletics Department research that includes faculty as investigators *would* require IRB review)

Investigators unsure of whether their research must be reviewed by the IRB should inquire at the IRB office, 915-7482 or irb@olemiss.edu