

#28905 - “My obstetrician said it’s safe, just wondering what Reddit thinks:” Internet forum use among pregnant women making medication decisions

Protocol Information

Review Type	Status	Submission Number	Approval Date
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Oct 31, 2026	--	Oct 31, 2025	Exempt

Approval Comment

This research is exempt under the following category: Category 4(i)

General Information

Feedback

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Lead Unit

IN-OBGY - OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Study Title

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Select your protocol type.

Exempt

Research Personnel

This Personnel list is for Research Personnel Only. For individuals who need access to the protocol but are not research personnel, add them to the Permissions tab.
For NEW studies and Amendments changing the PI, you must click on the pencil icon to complete all required information in the person record.

Person

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Researcher Role
Principal Investigator (PI)

Home Unit
IN-OBGY - OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

IU Faculty, Staff or Student?
Yes

Select IU Role
Tenure Track or Clinical Faculty

IU Title/Role
Adjunct faculty, visiting faculty, students, residents, and fellows generally are not eligible to serve as PI for IU research. Before submitting, review the IU [PI eligibility](#) information and ensure you have identified an eligible individual to serve as PI.

Is the researcher affiliated with any of the following? Select all that apply.
None of the Above

Remove this personnel entry, answer “Yes” to 0195 and list this person in the Non-affiliated Personnel List below.

Permission Type
Full Access

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Training

Biomedical Researcher - Stage 1 - CITI	06/02/22 - 06/01/27
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COI Disclosure
Status: Approved

For Expedited/Full Board or Request to rely on non-IU IRB protocol types, attach a CV for the Principal Investigator below.

People Attachments

Person
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Researcher Role
Other Research Staff

Home Unit
No Item Selected

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Are there any affiliated personnel you are unable to add because they were not found in the drop down list?

No

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Are you requesting that the IU IRB serve as the IRB of record for any *non-affiliated* researchers?

No

Conflict Of Interest

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Do any of the research personnel have a significant financial interest which could affect this research?

No

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Are any of the research personnel aware of an institutional conflict of interest which could affect or be affected by this research?

No

Research Basics

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Will the study be funded, fully or partly, by any of the following sources (this includes pass through funding)? Select all that apply.

Federal funding

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Is your study funded by or through the National Institutes for Health (NIH)?

Yes

Ensure you list the specific NIH funding institute in the list below in addition to any other funding sources.

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List Funding Sources

This will be funded by MPRINT, NICHD P30HD106451, which was received in 2021 with current funding through 2026. I have attached the grant proposal summary. This project is part of our effort to support outreach and dissemination.

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Do you consider your project to be a community engaged project?

No

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Select all of the following participant types that will be included in the research.

Pregnant women and/or fetuses

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The research includes: Select all options that apply.

Data collection that does not include interacting with subjects

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For data collection that does not include interacting with subjects, select all options that apply to the research.

Observation of public behavior

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Describe the setting in which you will be observing subjects and how you are collecting data.

We will be reviewing reddit posts, using only subreddits that do not explicitly ban researchers from using their forums

HIPAA Waiver

Research Design

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Provide a brief statement (no more than 2 – 3 sentences) of the purpose of this study, in lay terms.

We seek to understand: 1) Why so many patients rely on internet forums to support their decision-making about medication use in pregnancy, 2) What types of information and interaction are patients seeking from internet forums and whether they receive it reliably from forums, and 3) How this information can help design resources that pregnant patients need to make confident and informed decisions about medication use

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Will identifiable information be collected?

No

Confidentiality & Privacy**Transnational Research**

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Does the research involve any of the following transnational components? *Select all that apply.*

None of the above

Eligibility and Recruitment**Protocol Attachments**Select **+Add Line** to add each attachmentSelect **Replace** to replace an existing document

Attachment Type

Protocol

Attachment

[Reddit Protocol.docx](#)

Description

Attachment Type

Other

Attachment

[MPRINT Grant Summary.docx](#)

Description
grant proposal summary

Administrative Details Form

Protocol Details

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Protocol Type
Exempt

Billing Account #

Study Status

Submission Details

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Exempt Category
Category 4(i): Publicly available information or specimens

Protocol Determinations

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Check all determinations that need to be made.
None of the above

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Other Determinations.