

DIVISION OF SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL AND BIOMEDICAL/CLINICAL IRB REVIEWS

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL*

- Research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus groups
- Education-based research
- Educational record review
- Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior
- Behavior-change research
- Community research
- Research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior
- Observation or recording of public behavior with or without observer interaction
- Human beliefs or practices
- Social Media based research
- Focus groups, interviews, case studies, content analysis, and archival research
- Oral History
- Research related to human motivation, interactions (small groups, families, communities, and whole societies)
- Research in the areas of education, sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, political science, and history
- Social/Behavioral epidemiological studies

Social/Behavioral studies that involve the use of drugs, devices, biologics, radiation and radiolabeled tracers, and any invasive procedures will be classified as Biomedical. If unsure, contact the IRB for verification.

BIOMEDICAL/CLINICAL

- Randomized medical care including between standards of care
- All studies that either test or use drugs, devices and/or biologics
- Studies to determine the safety, effectiveness or usefulness of a biomedical intervention
- Studies on normal human functioning and development involving exercising, fasting, feeding, sleeping or learning
- Research on the human genome or genetic markers
- Clinical trials
- Studies of mechanisms of human disease
- FDA regulated studies (drugs, devices, biologics)
- Collection and use of biospecimens
- Medical record chart-reviews whether prospective or retrospective
- Involving medical procedures either invasive or non-invasive procedures, including EKGs, muscular strength testing, etc.
- Research that carries physical risk
- Changes to medical standard of practice
- Activities that may not be research but data will be supporting future research for a labeling change of an FDA drug, device or biologic
- Use of medical datasets including TriNetX when the data can be re-matched using data location by a data provider
- Epidemiology, outcomes research and public health research

* **Studies involving Sentara Health**

Any study that involves Sentara Health (patients, data, or facility) must be submitted to the Biomedical/Clinical IRB for review, regardless of whether the study is biomedical/clinical or social/behavioral.

QUESTIONS? Main Campus IRB: irb@odu.edu

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