

# BANNER RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

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Nonprofit Mission to provide excellent patient care;  
*Our mission is to ensure research is  
conducted ethically, safely, and efficiently.*



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## Decision Support Tool/Guidance Document Quality Improvement vs. Research

*If the activity involves patients, employees, and/or lab specimens (from human subjects), and the answer is yes/unsure to any of the following, project should be submitted for IRB review.*

	Yes/ Unsure	No
1. Does it assign people or lab specimens to groups for simultaneous comparisons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is it being conducted in hopes of contributing to generalizable knowledge in the area of study (and not for the sole purpose of improving Banner processes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the initial intent to publish the research results? (Inquire also with the publishing entity for guidance on IRB review.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does it involve patient/subjects undergoing procedures that normally would not be done for their disease/problem (i.e. beyond routine care for patients or outside of routine for employees — their work day)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does it involve increased risk or burden to the participants (e.g. additional blood draws, fatigue, embarrassment, or giving personal information)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does it involve interactions or observations that do not routinely occur in patient care (for patients) or everyday life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Does it involve releasing data, protected health information (PHI) or personal information to individuals/entities other than for regulatory/accreditation purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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