Retrospective Existing Date Review

Five different types of reviews of protocols are done by the UT Tyler IRB: full board, expedited, exempt, modification requests, and continuing review. Even though an exempt protocol is considered exempt from review, it still must undergo an administrative review to determine it exempt. A PI or co-investigator may not determine the exempt nature of a potential IRB review. Only the IRB can do this.

Retrospective, anonymous existing data protocols: If a faculty member is requesting approval for retrospective research using existing non-identifiable data, completing an application may not be necessary. An email to the IRB Chair with the following information can be sent to determine if an application is necessary:

1. Title of protocol
2. Purpose or research questions
3. Target population (people, existing records)
4. Health information involved? (this may require HIPAA form)
5. Identifiability of sample

The IRB Chair will respond regarding the need to complete an application and/or to submit other documents.

Any UT Tyler faculty member who is a co-investigator on a research project with another institution must also have UT Tyler approval prior to involvement with the research project.