

CRITERIA FOR IRB APPROVAL

All protocols are reviewed using the following criteria:

- The principal investigator (PI) agrees to adhere to the responsibilities of the principal investigator
- Measures are in place to ensure risks are minimized
- Risks are reasonable in relation to anticipated benefits of the study
- Subject selection is equitable
- Informed consent is obtained from each subject/participant, either prospective or retrospective. Rationale must be provided for retrospective consent.
- Informed consent is documented

Additional criteria may be necessary depending on the nature of the research, and the following criteria will be used as appropriate:

- Data collection is monitored in order to ensure safety of subjects/participants
- Confidentiality/privacy of subjects/participants is protected
- Safeguards for vulnerable populations are instituted as appropriate