Interaction/Interaction Exemption Applications

Significant changes have been made to the application path for projects qualifying for one of the interaction/intervention exemptions (1, 2, 3, 5, and 6). This includes changes to the question sets and to the application workflow and functionality. The key changes are summarized below.

Change to Application Types

The new “Human Subjects research involving interaction or intervention” application type will be used for all projects designed to collect information of biospecimens from human subjects, including projects requiring comprehensive IRB review and those qualifying for exemption.

New Exemption Screener Section

- Routes projects that do not qualify for exemption to the next section in the full IRB application
- Identifies projects that may qualify for exemption and routes them to the next section in the exemption review path

Changes to Exemption Detail

Eliminated: Exempt Research Design Section (Current Section 5-3)

- Key information from the current Research Design - Exempt Project section will be captured in the new exempt detail page for each specific exemption category.

New: Exemption Detail Pages

- Includes qualifying questions for each interaction/intervention exemption

As of June 11, the eResearch application for exempt projects will undergo significant changes in both the question sets and in functionality.
Tip Sheet: Changes to the eResearch Application for Interaction/Intervention Exemptions

- A disqualifying response will move the application to the next question in the comprehensive IRB application.
- Elicits information currently captured in the exempt research design
  - Research description (or uploaded exempt protocol)
  - Subject compensation information for the Human Subjects Incentive Program (HSIP)
  - Questions regarding the use of Protected Health Information

Exemption with Limited IRB Review

- Certain Exempt 2 and 3 projects that collect information that is both sensitive and identifiable may qualify for exemption if they include adequate subject privacy and data confidentiality provisions. Defined as requiring “limited IRB review”, these projects will be routed to Section 11 to capture this required information.
- Exempt with Limited IRB Review projects require review by an expediting reviewer before the exemption can be issued.
- The IRB may require comprehensive IRB review for projects that collect information about illegal behaviors or focus on mental health, immigration status, domestic violence or other issues where there may be potential for more than informational risks to subjects.

Self-Determination

- Based on responses to each exempt qualifying question, investigators may be presented with the opportunity to generate a self-determination for certain types of exemptions at the end of the application.
- The following is required to issue a self-determination
  - A faculty advisor for investigators identifying as students
  - Active PEERRS certification for the principal investigator and faculty advisor
  - No conflict of interest disclosure

New Template

- Investigators are encouraged to download the Exempt Studies: Brief Protocol template to describe their research.
- The Brief Protocol also includes the Data Management and Security questionnaire for use with Exemption #2 or #3 projects requiring limited IRB review.