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Does your project warrant review by a research ethics board?

If you answer 'YES' to any questions, an application to the UBC Research Ethics Board is required. For more information, visit http://ethics.research.ubc.ca/ethics/clinical-research-ethics-board.

IF NO to all questions, you must still adhere to VCH/PHC policies pertaining to information privacy and risk. Go to your organization's Information Privacy Office for more information.

1.	Do you consider the project research? Are you explaining it to colleagues, your department, or other as a 'research' project?	
2.	Is the project funded by (or being submitted to) a grant competition from a funding agency that requires research ethics review, OR is a sponsored clinical trial?	
3.	Does the project involve the use of a medical device, drug or natural health product which requires approval from Health Canada or other regulatory body?	
4.	Is this a student research project (class or thesis) being conducted at a VCH/PHC site and/or by a VCH/PHC staff or student?	
5.	Does the project involve randomization of participants into different groups to compare interventions or does it involve other sampling techniques to divide participants into different groups for comparison purposes?	
6.	Does the project involve a comparison of 'intervention/treatment' and 'control' settings or groups, either to test a new intervention or to assess the effectiveness of a process change?	
7.	Does the project involve pilot testing or evaluation of a new intervention, treatment or program for which it would be difficult to estimate a balance of risk and benefit in advance?	
8.	Does the project involve the collection and retention of tissue or blood samples, beyond that required for usual care and treatment?	
9.	Is the project design and methodology rigorous enough to statistically support generalizations beyond the sample population?	
10.	Does the project involve participants either receiving healthcare procedures/treatment or being asked for personal information, significantly beyond what would be expected in the standard care?	

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