Is the activity a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge? [45 CFR 46.102(d)]

Activity is research. Does the research involve obtaining information about living individuals? [45 CFR 46.102(f)]

Does the research involve intervention or interaction with the individuals? [45 CFR 46.102(f)(1), (2)]

Activity is research involving human subjects. Is it conducted or supported by HHS? [45 CFR 46.101(a)(1)]

Is the research covered by an applicable OHRP approved assurance created under 45 CFR 46.103?

Is the information individually identifiable (i.e., the identity of the subject is or may readily be ascertained by the investigator or associated with the information)? [45 CFR 46.102(f)(2)]

Is the information private? (About behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, or provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public) [45 CFR 46.102(f)(2)]

Other Federal, State and local laws and/or regulations may apply to the activity. [45 CFR 46.101(f)]

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