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**Subject: New IRB Decision Tool – Is it Quality Improvement, Human Research, or Both? –  
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In an effort to keep the research community informed of new and revised Office of Human Research (OHR) forms and policies, we are providing a summary of recent changes.

The Office of Human Research (OHR) does not require quality improvement activities, performed as a standard part of healthcare and educational operations, to be subject to IRB oversight. In order to determine if the proposed activities require IRB review, i.e., involves human research, a new form, the OHR-36 is being provided to act as a decision tool.

If the proposed activities do not require IRB review, a signed copy of the OHR-36 should be maintained in your files. This completed document does not need to be submitted to the IRB. If it is determined that IRB review is required, contact OHR for the next steps.

Please remember to always access the most current forms and policies on the [Office of Human Research](#) website. Note: When opening documents, if prompted for user name and password, click cancel and the document should open.

If you have any questions or comments about these forms/policies, or if you have any new suggestions, please contact [Johanna.Yates@Jefferson.edu](mailto:Johanna.Yates@Jefferson.edu) or [Jacquie.Wright@Jefferson.edu](mailto:Jacquie.Wright@Jefferson.edu).

If you have any questions about quality improvement vs. human research, or about your IRB submission, please contact [Kyle.Conner@Jefferson.edu](mailto:Kyle.Conner@Jefferson.edu).

Thank you,

The Office of Human Research

**Forms**

<b>Form Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Version Date</b>
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<b>OHR-36</b>	<b>Decision Tool – Is it Quality Improvement, Human Research, or Both?</b>	<b>3/6/2019</b>
<b>Changes:</b> A new form has been created to help you determine if your project is a quality improvement activity or human research.		