



CABRINI HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

CHECKLIST FOR IDENTIFYING QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE FULL ETHICAL REVIEW

Please read the NHMRC document “When does quality assurance in health care require independent ethical review?”. In addition, access to medical records for audit and quality assurance purposes requires authorisation.

The project may not require review by the Cabrini Human Research Ethics Committee

if the project has the consent of participants

or It is consistent with National Privacy Principle 2.1(a)*

and It does not pose any risk of burden or harm to participants.

The project will require review by the full CHREC if the answer is YES to any of the following questions:

	Yes	No
Is participant consent inadequate?		
Is the activity inconsistent with NPP 2.1(a)?		
Does the activity pose any risks for participants?		
Does the proposed activity pose a risk of breaching any person’s confidentiality?		
Does the proposed activity involve any departure from routine or usual care?		
Does the activity involve randomisation, or use of a control or placebo group?		
Does the proposed activity potentially infringe rights, privacy or professional reputation of those involved in the person’s care?		

The project might require review by the full CHREC if the answer is YES to any of the following questions:

Does the activity pose any additional burden on participants?		
Does the activity involve access to a person’s record by anyone not involved in their care?		
Does the proposed activity involve gathering information that is not necessary for the person’s care?		

*National Privacy Principle 2.1(a) states that “An organisation must not use or disclose personal information about an individual for a purpose (the secondary purpose) other than the primary purpose of collection unless’...’both of the following apply:

- 1 the secondary purpose is related to the primary purpose of collection and, if the personal information is sensitive information, directly related to the primary purpose of collection;
- 2 the individual would reasonably expect the organisation to use or disclose the information for the secondary purpose.

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Signed (Principal Investigator)

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