

# IRB Decision Tree #1



Will you, a member of your research team or, a collaborator **observe, interact with, or intervene with living individuals to gather information that will be used for research?**

Examples:

- Surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, interviews
- Physical/Electronic games, experiments, or tasks
- Biomedical/Physical procedures, e.g. imagine, scanning, blood collection, exercise, etc.
- Diet or nutrition studies, taste tests
- Studies on effectiveness of educational strategies, teaching methods, curricula
- Use of instruments, sensors, electronic devices, apps, software, or recording mechanisms (e.g., video, screen capture, key logging, etc.) to collect data or monitor or influence behavior
- Passive observation of private behavior (in physical/online environments, incl. social media)
- Studies examining individuals' responses to manipulation of their physical/online environment
- Any other activity that involves observation of, or interaction with, individuals to gather information for research (in physical or online environments, including social media)

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