



Kwantlen Polytechnic University RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

Guidelines for Application for Expedited Review

Types of Research Applications that MAY be expedited:

- a. Interviews of, or completion of, questionnaires by fully competent adult subjects/participants or,
- b. Use of previously collected research data in existing databases on anonymous individuals
- c. Annual renewals of research studies that originally qualified for expedited review and/or have had no adverse events or ethical problems arisen
- d. Studies which have received previous approval by another institutional REB
- e. Minor amendments to previously approved research where the changes to the study protocol or consent documents do not result in increased risk to participants
- f. Chart reviews
- g. Collection of data from voice, video, digital or image recordings made for research purposes*±
- h. Research on individual or group characteristics or behaviour or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation or quality assurance methodologies*±

*provided that identification of subjects would not lead to personal risk, whether legal, psychological, or social, as prescribed above

±It is not to be assumed that most or all research utilizing these methods can or will be expedited. The default process is full review, and justification for

expedited review cannot be based exclusively on the method of data collection. Attention must be paid to how these methods will be used in order to maintain minimal risk of harm to participants.

If the above conditions are met, the application may be considered for expedited review.

Types of Research that MAY NOT be Expedited:

- a. Research involving genetic testing that may cause psychological or social risk to individuals, the subject population or to their community in the present or future
- b. Research involving testing for additional diseases or markers not yet determined that may cause psychological or social risk to individuals, the subject population or to their community in the present or future
- c. Research involving the generation of databanks (of specimens) or databases (of populations) where potential future research is unknown
- d. Research on sensitive topics that could cause distress to research subjects/participants.
- e. Action research.
- f. Deception (e.g. research in which some aspect of the procedure is deliberately misrepresented or withheld from the subject for experimental purposes)
- g. Recruitment via telephone, except by random digit dialing.
- h. Database linkage where personal identifiers are being used to probabilistically link one or more existing databases with new databases or surveys
- i. Use oral consent or passive consent
- j. Inclusion of research subjects/participants who are not less than 19 years of age (unless these are confirmed Kwantlen students)
- k. Inclusion of research subjects/participants who are unable to be fully informed, such as those with mental disabilities or dementia
- l. Access to medical records

- m. Recruitment of patients by physicians or medical staff
- n. Surveys using online survey companies (e.g. Survey Monkey or Zoomerang) that analyze, store or process the data outside of Canada
- o. Any videotaping, photographing, or digital image recording, unless the images show no identifiable people or places
- p. Focus Groups in which personal, sensitive, or controversial issues are discussed.

Special Considerations for Research Populations:

In population of children: Any research involving physical intervention or collection of biological samples, whether by invasive or non-invasive means, in children cannot be expedited, unless it is part of a required medical procedure and carries no additional risk.

In other populations:

Research involving a specific community, including Aboriginals, HIV/AIDS community, etc. needs additional care to evaluate potential risks to the community that may occur from the dissemination of results.

Please apply on the full review application form. Check the box for “Expedited Review” and give rationale.