Activities Requiring Virginia Tech IRB Approval

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Are you a Virginia Tech (VT) faculty or staff member, or VT student?

No

Is this a collaborative project with an outside institution or individual?

Yes

Is a Virginia Tech (VT) faculty or staff member, or VT student considered a collaborating investigator (i.e., responsible for the design/conduct of study, or will use data for publication/dissemination)?

Carilion & VCOM research, visit the following link: http://www.irb.vt.edu/pages/moa.htm

No

Will Virginia Tech be engaged in the activities?

Examples of engagement include:
1. VT receives direct HHS award to conduct human subjects research
2. VT employees or agents intervene or interact with living individuals for research purposes
3. VT employees or agents obtain, release, or permit investigators to obtain individually identifiable private information for research purposes.

Learn more about what constitutes engagement in research by visiting the following link: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/engage08.html

No

Activity is research. Does the research involve obtaining information about living individuals?

Yes

Does the research involve intervention or interaction with the individuals? This includes online and mail surveys.

Yes

You need Virginia Tech IRB approval before conducting any research activities involving human subjects, including recruitment.

Go to the following link to apply: http://www.irb.vt.edu/pages/researchers.htm

No

[Data originates from a publicly available source – for example, newspaper, magazine, or published journal articles]

No

Is the source of the data private?

Yes

You do NOT need Virginia Tech IRB approval.

No

Note: This decision chart was constructed with the help of the Office of Human Research Protections’ “Human Subject Decision Chart, September 24.” http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/checklists/decisioncharts.html#1