

Is this project research?

Project title:
 Primary contact for project:
 Email address: Phone:
 Status at VA (e.g., MVAHCS staff, resident, trainee):
 Supervisor:

IMPORTANT → Attach an abstract that describes the project background, purpose and methods.

	YES	NO
Is the Operations Activity designed (and/or implemented) for internal VA purposes in support of the VA mission(s) ? (i.e., Is the project primarily intended to improve local processes of care and/or patient outcomes?)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Is the above question answered NO? If so, STOP HERE and contact IRBMN@VA.GOV for further review. ➤ Is the above question answered YES? Continue to next section: 		
<p><i>The following design characteristics are typically reflective of research, but in limited instances may be applicable in non-research endeavors. Please select YES or NO for each.</i></p>		
	YES	NO
1. Is the activity designed to produce information that expands the knowledge base of a scientific discipline (or another scholarly field)?		
2. Is the activity funded or supported as research ?		
3. Is the activity a clinical investigation as defined under Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations?		
4. Does the activity include double-blind interventions ?		
5. Does the activity include placebo controls ?		
6. Does the activity include prospective patient-level randomization to a clinical intervention not tailored to individual patient benefit ?		
7. Has the activity been supplemented or modified before, during, or after implementation in order to produce information to expand the knowledge base of a scientific discipline or scholarly field of study or otherwise contribute to generalizable knowledge ?		
8. Has the purpose of the activity changed so that it is now designed or intended to expand the knowledge base of a scientific discipline or scholarly field of study or otherwise contribute to generalizable knowledge ?		
To the best of my knowledge, the above is accurate. Signature of person conducting project	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Email this form and the abstract to IRBMN@VA.GOV.

reference: VA Office of Research & Development Program Guide 1200.21:
 VHA Operations Activities That May Constitute Research (01/09/2019)