

Mock REB

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Instructions

- Your table will constitute an REB
- Nominate a chair
- Read the protocol (10 minutes)
- Discuss what you think are the salient ethical issues (25 minutes)
- Be prepared to report back (10 minutes)

REB evaluation criteria

Research involving humans can be ethically justified only when:

- The research is scientifically sound;
- The potential benefit significantly outweighs the potential for harm;
- There is an adequate process for informed consent, and assent where applicable; and
- There is justice or fairness in selection of participants.

Thus, when assessing whether a proposal meets the ethical requirements for research involving humans, the REB focuses on the following five elements:

1. Methodology
2. Selection and recruitment
3. Informed consent process
4. Potential harms and benefits
5. Privacy and confidentiality