

# Research Protocol Approval Process at the Minneapolis VA (August 2015)

I am planning a research project that involves....

## Initial Contacts

## Initial Committee Review (RDC, IRB, IACUC, SRS, IBC)

## Final Review/Approval

Non-human data only;  
Research under  
primary University  
oversight involving use  
of VA resources;  
Research Centers

Research &  
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Committee  
(RDC) contact:  
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Your protocol will be  
reviewed by the RDC ‡

People  
or their data †  
(with or without lab  
component)

Institutional Review  
Board (IRB)  
contact:  
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612.629.7387

† If IRB determines that your  
project is not human studies  
research, is "exempt" from IRB  
oversight, and does not involve  
hazards, RDC will review

People and animals  
(with or without lab  
component)

Your protocol will be  
reviewed by the IRB and  
the SRS \*

Animals only  
(no people or lab  
component)

Institutional Animal  
Care and Use  
Committee (IACUC)  
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Your protocol will be  
reviewed by the IACUC  
and the SRS \*

Animals and lab  
component  
(no people)

Your protocol will be  
reviewed by the SRS \*

Lab work only  
(no people or animals)

Subcommittee for  
Research Safety (SRS)  
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\* and the Institutional Bio-safety Committee  
(IBC) if required (e.g. use of non-exempt  
recombinant DNA)

‡ Unless hazards or human/animal use are  
identified during review

All Protocols  
must have  
**RDC**  
approval

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Authorization to  
Conduct Research  
When you get this  
signed memo, you can  
start your project