

Chapter: Research and Evaluation (RE)

Section 1: Research Projects

Policy

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews all research conducted at the Utah State Hospital (USH). Research projects that involve inconvenience or risk to the patient require close attention to the rights of patients and must meet DHS IRB procedures and guidelines.

Procedure

1. Utah State Hospital has an assigned full member to the DHS IRB.
2. The Utah State Hospital DHS IRB member screens all research projects to determine if they are Process Improvement (PI) or research projects before submitting to DHS IRB.
 - 2.1. All PI projects are referred to the USH PI Council.
3. An outcomes report of all completed research projects is submitted through Treatment and Research Coordination Committee to the Executive Staff and PI Council.
4. In research involving patients, the researcher authorized by the DHS IRB obtains the written informed consent of the patient who will participate in the research project. The consent is included in the patient's record. The patient may withdraw consent at any time.
 - 4.1. When required, the written informed consent of the family and/or legal guardian is obtained and made part of the patient's record. The family and/or legal guardian may withdraw consent at any time.
 - 4.2. In cases dealing with children or adolescents, the responsible parent(s), relative, or guardian, and, when appropriate, the patient gives written, dated, and signed informed consent or assent. The family and/or guardian and, when appropriate, the child or adolescent patient may withdraw consent/assent at any time.
5. The attending physician states in the patient's record the rationale for research that involves inconvenience or risk to the patient.

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