IRB NON-MED EXEMPT FORM

System Requirements:

- If using Windows, use Internet Explorer (IE) or Firefox as your browser.
- If using Macintosh, use Safari or Firefox as your browser.
- Your browser must be configured to Allow Pop-ups while using eProtocol. See instructions for allowing pop-ups.

Before you begin:

If this is your first time submitting a protocol for review, see FAQs for information to consider beforehand.

The answers to many of your questions may be found on the IRB (Human Subjects) website.

What to expect:

- Your eProtocol application form will be created and an eProtocol number will be generated after you enter basic information (Protocol Title, Personnel Information, Form and Review Type) on the following screens.
- Once you have an eProtocol number, you may continue to complete the application, or you may exit the system and return at a later time to complete it. You must click the Save (Diskette) icon to save your work before exiting.

Personnel Info:

Instructions:

- At minimum, a Protocol Director (PD) and Administrative Contact must be entered; the same person may be entered for both roles.
• If the PD is a student (e.g., Undergraduate, Graduate, or Post-Doc), you must also enter an Academic Sponsor. Those entered as Academic Sponsors should be listed in categories 1 and 2 of Administrative Guide 23.

• Only those entered in the following roles will have edit access to the Protocol application: PD, Admin Contact, Co-PD, Other Contact and Academic Sponsor.

• You will be prompted to add Other Personnel after you have selected the form type.

• All researchers must complete required human subjects training (CITI - Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) prior to protocol approval.

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Click here to add Other Personnel, if you are sure the SUNet ID does not exist for the person

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Application Category:

Select **Medical** for investigators in:

- Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH)
- Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
- School of Medicine (SoM)
- Stanford Hospital and Clinics (SHC)
- Veteran's Affairs (VA) Hospital

Select **Non-Medical** for investigators in:

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Humanities & Sciences
- Law
- Psychology (except MRI studies)

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| Select Review Type: | ☐ Regular  ☐ Expedited  ☐ Exempt |

Exempt Review

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• involves significant physical invasions or intrusions upon the privacy of the participants
Select one or more applicable exempt categories:

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   AND
   ii) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation.

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   i) the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or
   ii) federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

☐ 4. Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, or records, if these sources are publicly available OR if the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

   YES  NO

☐ ☐  Are ALL the data, documents, or records pre-existing (on the shelf as of today)? If no, you do NOT qualify for Exempt Category 4.

Note: Information must be recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

Provide the dates these data were collected (use mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy). Indicate where the data came from (e.g., public records, data collected for a non-research purpose, previous study records, teacher's personal records, registrar's office).

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   ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs;
   iii) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or
iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

6. Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies:
   i) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or
   ii) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Participant Population

Instructions:

Select all populations (and only those) that are specifically targeted for this study. You must select at least one category.

For example:

- A researcher is conducting an internet survey asking about emotional responses to certain scenarios. Students may respond, but the study is not designed to recruit students specifically, so students would not be selected on the checklist.

Participant Population(s) Checklist

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Study Location

Instructions:
The **study location** is the location at which the research takes place. For example, a study that takes place in a high school where surveys are collected and then analyzed at Stanford would require both *Stanford* and *Other* to be selected.

- Whenever *Other* is selected, click the ADD button to enter details for one or more locations. Each location must be added separately.
- To remove an *Other* location, check the box next to the name, and click DELETE.
- To view/modify details of a previously entered *Other* location, click the location name.

### Study Location(s) Checklist

- [ ] Stanford University
- [ ] Other (Click ADD to specify details)

If “Other” was selected, then:

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**Other Location:**

- [ ] Within the US
  - Location Name: ____________________________

  OR

- [ ] Outside the US/International
  - Location Name: ____________________________

**Note:** You are responsible for ascertaining if local permission is needed for doing research in the proposed site (e.g., in the case of schools, workplaces, tribal settings). If permission is required, you must obtain it before beginning the research.

**General Checklist**

**Instructions:**

- If you answer YES to *Collaborating Institution*, click the ADD button to enter the name of each institution.
  - To remove an institution, check the box next to the name, and click DELETE.
  - To view/modify previously entered institutions, click the institution name.

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Last Revision Date: 2/08/2014
Collaborating Institution(s) Generally, when one or more institutions work together equally on a research endeavor it is a collaboration.
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Remember to attach a copy of each applicable federal grant application, including competing renewals, in the Attachments section of this protocol application form.

#### Funding

- **NONE**

  Funding – Grants/Contracts

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- Other Funding (e.g., Undergraduate Funding)

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Resources

a. Qualified staff
   State your and/or your study staff's qualifications to conduct this study.

b. Training
   Describe the training you have received regarding the research-related duties and functions of this protocol. Also, describe the training received by study staff assisting you with the research.

c. Facilities
   Describe where the study will take place, including where data will be collected and where it will be analyzed.

d. Time
   How much time will be needed to conduct and complete the research?

e. Participant access
   Will you have access to a population that will allow recruitment of the required number of participants?

f. Access to resources
   Will you have access to psychological resources that participants might need as a consequence of participating in the research? If yes, describe these resources. Enter N/A if the need for psychological resources is not anticipated.
Protocol Information

Exempt Paragraph(s)

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Protocol Information

Sections 1-3

Complete Sections 1-11. Specify N/A or ‘none’ as appropriate. Do not leave any required sections blank.

1. Purpose

   a) In 3-5 sentences, state the purpose of the study in lay language.
b) State what you hope to learn from the study and assess the importance of this new knowledge.

2. Study Procedures
   a. Describe ALL the procedures human participants will undergo. Are the research procedures the least risky that can be performed consistent with sound research design?

   b. State if audio or video recording will occur. Describe how the recordings will be used, e.g., shown at scientific meetings, used for transcription. Describe the final disposition of the recordings, e.g., erased, stored.

   c. DECEPTION: Will participants be fully informed about the purpose of the study? If no: provide a rationale for deception.

3. Reserved for future use

Section 4(a-f)

4. Participant Population

   a) How many participants do you expect to enroll? What type of participants will you enroll (e.g., high school students, teachers, government officials)?

   b) What are the age range, gender, and racial or ethnic background of the participant population being targeted?

   c) If applicable, explain why potentially vulnerable participants are needed (e.g., children, pregnant women, students, economically or educationally disadvantaged, homeless, people with impaired decision making capacity).

   d) Reserved for future use.

   a) Will any participants be your students, laboratory personnel and/or employees? See Stanford University policy at http://www.stanford.edu/dept/DoR/rph/7-5.html)
Section 4(g-i)

4. Participant Population

g) PAYMENT or REIMBURSEMENT. Will participants be paid or reimbursed for participation? If yes, how much, and explain why proposed payments/reimbursements are reasonable. Explain how payment will be prorated, if there is more than one study session. See payment considerations.

h) Explain what costs will be incurred by the participant. If none, enter ‘none’.

i) What is the total time that each participant will spend in the entire study (e.g., 20 minutes, 2 hours, 3 days)?

Section 5

5. Risks

a) Describe any reasonably anticipated potential risks(s), including risk(s) to physical, psychological, political, economic or social well-being. If risks are not reasonably anticipated, enter ‘none’.

b) If you are conducting research outside the US (international research), describe qualifications/preparations that enable you to both estimate and minimize risks to participants. Then complete the International Research Form and attach it in the Attachments section. If not applicable, enter N/A.

c) Reserved for future use.
d) Children's Findings (OHRP)

Select the category below that best describes your research, if children are involved.

- 46.404 Research not involving greater than minimal risk. The research must present no greater than minimal risk to children and adequate provisions must be made for soliciting the assent of the children and permission of their parents or guardians.

- 46.405 Research involving greater than minimal risk but presenting the prospect of direct benefit... (regular review only)

- 46.406 Research involving greater than minimal risk and no prospect of direct benefit...(regular review only)

- 46.407 Research not otherwise approvable...(regular review only)

Rationale:

Section 6, 7

6. Benefits

a) Describe the potential benefit(s) to be gained by the participants and/or by society as a result of this study. If none, enter ‘none.’

7. Privacy and Confidentiality

Privacy

Privacy refers to the environment in which data are collected from participants (e.g., interviewing participants individually in a place where personal responses will not be seen or overheard).

a) Explain where the research takes place (e.g., in a lab, online, at school). Describe how you will maintain privacy in this setting.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality refers to your agreement with the participant about how the participant's identifiable personal information (i.e., identifiable data) will be handled, managed, stored, and disseminated.
b) What identifiable data will you obtain from participants? Enter ‘none’ if identifiable data will not be obtained. Discuss how you will protect the participants’ identity, if applicable.

Section 8

8. Potential Conflict of Interest

New PHS regulations require that financial interests must be disclosed by investigators, and those that are identified as financial conflicts of interest must be eliminated or managed prior to final approval of this protocol.

When the Personnel section of this protocol is completed, the faculty investigators will receive an email notifying them of the OPACS requirement. They may either answer "No" to the Financial Interest question from the email, or go to their OPACS dashboard to answer the question.

Investigators who have not received an email from OPACS can still complete their disclosures by going to their OPACS dashboard directly at opacsprd.stanford.edu. They should contact their school's COI Manager with any issues with OPACS.

The table below displays the names of investigators and whether they have entered their financial interest disclosure, & S/B disclosure, if any, in OPACS and the status of review of conflicts of interest.

You will not be able to submit this protocol until the "Financial Interest" question has been answered in OPACS for all investigators listed in the table below.

Review of this protocol by IRB will occur when all investigators listed below have answered Yes or No to the Financial Interest question in OPACS.

Approval of this protocol will only occur when all investigators who have Financial Interests have submitted their OPACS disclosure and review of the information has been completed by the COI Manager.

Note: If any changes to disclosures are made while this page is open, simply reload the page to see current information.
Section 9

9. Participant Information

If you are using a document (e.g., information sheet, oral script, consent, assent, or other document) that discusses the participant's involvement in your research, attach under "Participant Information" by clicking on the ADD button below and then selecting the appropriate option in the drop-down menu.

a) Describe the process you will use to inform participants about your study. Include the following: Who will obtain consent? When and how will this be done?

Instructions:

• Click ADD to enter relevant document(s). Once entered and saved, a row will be displayed in tabular form for each item entered.
• To view/modify the details of previously entered information or to replace a document with an updated version, click the link in the Document Type column for the desired item.
• To view the current document, click the link in the Title column for the desired item.
• To remove an item, click the box next to the Title and DELETE.

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Section 9 “Add” Button

Participant Information

Information Sheet/Oral Script/Other Document

• Attach ALL documents you will use to inform participants about your research and to obtain agreement to participate in this section (e.g., information sheets, oral scripts, other documents).
• Enter a descriptive Title (e.g., use Oral Script instead of scriptv1.doc). Do NOT use special characters or symbols in the title.
• Click BROWSE to locate and attach a file from your desktop.
• Click SAVE when done.

Document Type:
Title:
Document (file name):
10. Reserved for future use

Section 11

11. Attachments

Click ADD to attach relevant study documents to this section (e.g., surveys, questionnaires, federal grants).

**Advertisements**
- Attachment Name:
- Attached Date:
- Attached By:
- Submitted Date:

**Cooperating Institution(s) Approval**
- Attachment Name:
- Attached Date:
- Attached By:
- Submitted Date:

**Federal Grant(s)**
- Attachment Name:
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**Questionnaires**
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**Training Grant/List**
- Attachment Name:
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- Submitted Date:

**Faculty Sponsor Oversight / Scientific Review**
- Attachment Name:
- Attached Date:
- Attached By:
- Submitted Date:
Obligations

The Protocol Director agrees to:

- Adhere to principles of sound scientific research designed to yield valid results
- Conduct the study according to the protocol approved by the IRB
- Be appropriately qualified to conduct the research and be trained in Human Research protection ethical principles, regulations, policies and procedures
- Ensure all research personnel are adequately trained and supervised
- Ensure that the rights and welfare of participants are protected, including privacy and confidentiality of data
- Ensure that, when de-identified materials are obtained for research purposes, no attempt will be made to re-identify them.
- Disclose to the appropriate entities any potential conflict of interest
- Report promptly any new information, modification, or unanticipated problems that raise risks to participants or others
- Apply relevant professional standards.

Any change in the research protocol must be re-submitted to the IRB for review to re-certify exemption. Any complications in subjects or evidence of increase in the original estimate of risk should be reported at once to the IRB before continuing with the project. The investigators must inform the participants of any significant new knowledge obtained during the course of the research.

All data must be retained for a minimum of three years past the completion of the research. Additional requirements may be imposed by your funding agency, your department, or other entities. (Policy on Retention of and Access to Research Data, Research Policy Handbook, http://www.stanford.edu/dept/DoR/rph/2-10.html)

☐ The Protocol Director has read, and agrees to abide by, the above obligations.