



**Investigator Assurance
Human Subjects Research Protection**

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Northeastern University has been provided with a *Federal Wide Assurance* by the federal government. This assurance confirms that all university research will be conducted in accordance with federal research regulations. Any violation of research guidelines by an investigator jeopardizes this agreement and threatens the University's federal funding.

In order to conduct your research in accordance with these regulations, you must evaluate whether you or any designee obtain:

- Data through intervention or interaction with an individual (i.e. interviews, surveys, clinical testing, or any other physical intervention or personal interaction);
- Identifiable private information (i.e. medical or school records, legal or insurance information, private government records);
- Bodily materials (i.e. cells, blood or urine, tissues, organs, hair or nail clippings, saliva, DNA) *even if you received them from another source.*

If your project involves any of the above, you are required under federal regulations and Northeastern University policy to have your project reviewed by the Northeastern University Institutional Review Board (IRB). A review is required by Northeastern University's IRB even if your study is not conducted on campus and/or has received IRB from another institution.

No recruitment or enrollment of participants or analysis of data is permitted until full, written approval is received from the Northeastern University IRB. Northeastern University will not release funding for the use of human subjects until such IRB approval is obtained.

Investigator Assurance:

_____ I confirm no human subject research is involved in this research as defined above.

_____ Human subject research is involved in this research and I have/will obtain Northeastern University IRB approval prior to recruitment of participants or analysis of materials.

Signature of Investigator

Date