



**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)**  
**PROTOCOL REVIEW CHECKLIST**

Protocol No. -----

Date: --- / ----- / 2012

Title of Research Protocol:

PROBLEM FRAMEWORK	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1. Is the <b>title</b> of the research scientifically sound? (what, who, where and when)				
2. Does the <b>background</b> information and literature review justify the study?				
3. Does the <b>rational</b> justify why this study is important and needed?				
4. Is the <b>research question</b> concise and establishes the boundaries to concepts, individuals or phenomena that will be examined?				
5. Is there a need for a <b>hypothesis</b> ? If yes, is it properly formulated?				
6. Is the <b>aim</b> stated?				
7. Are the <b>objectives</b> clear, well described and achievable? (SMARTER)				
METHODOLOGY	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1. <b>Study Design</b> : is it appropriate for the research question?				
2. <b>Setting</b> : Is the Site appropriate for the type of study, geographic location specified...etc				
3. Is the type of <b>Population</b> specified? (healthy, patients, special group etc)				
4. Are <b>subjects included</b> appropriate for the research question?				
5. Are <b>inclusion criteria</b> described?				
6. Are <b>exclusion criteria</b> described?				
8. Are <b>withdrawal criteria</b> for individual subjects adequately described?				
9. Is the <b>sample selection and size</b> calculated?				
10. Are the study <b>process</b> well described? How he/she will carry out the research?	√			

11. Is there a description of the <b>data collection</b> ? Tools, check lists ...etc			√	
12. Are <b>data analysis</b> plans adequately described?				
13. Is the <b>pilot study</b> described?				
<b>RISK /BENEFIT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Are there <b>risks</b> present and clearly defined?				
2. What is the <b>level of risk</b> in this study" Minimal, greater than minimal, risky, too risky"?				
3. Are plans to <b>monitor</b> and report adverse events appropriate?				
4. Are there potential <b>benefits</b> to individuals, society and if so, are they described?				
<b>INFORMED CONSENT Elements</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. An explanation of the <b>purpose</b> of the research.				
2. A statement that it is <b>research</b>				
3. Expected <b>duration</b> of the subject's participation				
4. A description of the research <b>procedures</b> to be done				
5. Anticipated <b>risks</b> , including psychological and social, if any.				
6. Precautions taken to <b>minimize these risks</b> .				
7. Actions taken if <b>risks</b> occur.				
8. A description of possible <b>benefits</b> , if any, to the <b>subject</b> and <b>community</b> .				
9. An insurance of <b>confidentiality</b> of records identifying the subject.				
10. A statement describing any <b>compensation or payment</b> to be provided				
11. A statement describing any <b>compensation for risks</b> related to research participation.				
12. The name and contact information of a person who can provide more information about the <b>research project</b> .				
13. A statement that participation is <b>voluntary</b> , and that the participant may discontinue participation at any time.				

REVIEWER RECOMMENDATION	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Unconditional Approval				
Conditional Approval				
Defer until more information is obtained				
Disapprove				

MAJOR CONCERNS AND GENERAL COMMENTS
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Signature of Primary Reviewer

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