

IH Project Ethics Decision Support Tool

When to use the ARECCI Guidelines and Screening Tools

Purpose of this tool: Research projects in IH that involve people or their information must be reviewed by Research Ethics Board (REB). Similar risks exist for quality improvement and program evaluation projects involving people or their information. IH has a project ethics policy (AL1600) that requires screening of all non-research projects that involve people or their information.

Please answer the below pre-screening questions and follow the prompts to determine if you need to complete the ARECCI guidelines and screening tool for your project.

1. Does your quality improvement or evaluation project involve people or their information?	Yes	No
<i>If you selected YES – please continue to question 2</i> <i>If you selected NO – ARECCI is not required no need to continue below</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Does your quality improvement or evaluation project involve:	Yes	No
A. A Critical Incident Review?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. A PSLS event/investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. A Quality Review of a specific case?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you selected NO to all of the above – please continue to question 3</i> <i>If you selected YES to any of the above – ARECCI is not required, please follow appropriate process for Patient Safety Investigations (http://insidenet.interiorhealth.ca/QPS/patientandsystemssafety/Pages/default.aspx) and/or Information Privacy</i> (http://insidenet.interiorhealth.ca/infoResources/IPS/Pages/default.aspx)		

3. Does your quality improvement or evaluation project include data collection or measurement of a targeted audience through:	Yes	No
A. Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Observation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Focus Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Interview	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Chart Review (Paper or electronic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Administrative Data Review (Strategic Information reports, document review, PSLS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you selected YES to any of the above – please use the ARECCI Guidelines and Screening Tools</i> <i>If you selected NO to all of the above – ARECCI is not required</i>		