**Screening guide to determine whether ethics review is required at the University of Toronto**

# Title:

Project manager / Principal investigator:

The following questions shall be used to determine whether an activity requires ethics review by the REB or administrative review by the ORE. It is the responsibility of the project manager/principal investigator to complete this form when conducting an activity involving human participants that appears to be quality assurance, improvement, or control.

Please provide a brief (200 words *maximum*) abstract describing the proposed activity, participant population and primary purpose for conducting the activity.

1. Is there an explicit requirement for review of this project by a Research Ethics Board as part of its funding arrangements?

YES **NO**

1. Does the project involve use of a pharmaceutical device, drug or natural health product under Health Canada, Food and Drug Act regulations or guidelines?

YES **NO**

1. Is the project primarily designed to test a specific hypothesis or answer a specific quantitative or qualitative question?

YES **NO**

1. Does the project involve a comparison of multiple sites and/or control groups?

YES **NO**

1. Is the project designed to support generalizations that go beyond the particular population the sample is being drawn from?

YES **NO**

1. Is the primary purpose of the project to produce the kind of results that could be published in a research journal?

YES **NO**

**Consider**: If the project is to be published, has the intended journal been contacted to determine whether they require ethics review as one of the conditions of publication?

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If you answer “YES” to any of the questions above, your planned activity may have a component of research and should be submitted for REB review. Please follow instructions for protocol submissions found on the ORE website at:

[http://](http://www.research.utoronto.ca/for-researchers-administrators/ethics/human/application-forms/)[www.research.utoronto.ca/for-researchers-administrators/ethics/human/application](http://www.research.utoronto.ca/for-researchers-administrators/ethics/human/application)[forms/](http://www.research.utoronto.ca/for-researchers-administrators/ethics/human/application-forms/)

If you answer “NO” to all the questions above, please answer the following questions:

1. Does the proposed activity involve collection of personal (identifiable) information?

**YES**  NO

1. Risks to participants as individuals or as members of a community may include (check all that apply):
2. Physical risks (including any bodily contact or administration of any substance);

YES **NO**

1. Psychological/emotional risks (feeling uncomfortable, embarrassed, anxious or upset);

YES **NO**

1. Social risks (including possible loss of status, privacy and/or reputation); and/or

YES **NO**

1. Legal risks (potential of apprehension or arrest or being identified as a member of a legally-compromised group).

YES **NO**