Recruitment, Consent and HIPAA

Review the IRB's guidelines on recruiting study subjects [1].

You must obtain and document informed consent [2] from prospective research subjects before initiating any screening or study procedures (with few exceptions).

- Signed consent [3]: Required for greater than minimal risk studies and some minimal risk studies. Use UCSF consent form templates [4].
- Verbal consent or electronic consent with use of an information sheet, or implied consent (waiver of signed consent) [5]: Allowed in minimal risk research under certain circumstances.
- Waiver of all consent [6]: Granted for minimal risk studies that meet specific criteria. May also be possible in emergency care and other limited circumstances.

There are special consent requirements for research that involves non-English speakers [7] or certain vulnerable populations [8], such as children and pregnant women.

Subjects also may need to sign a HIPAA authorization form [9] for research and/or receive a copy of the Experimental Subject's Bill of Rights [10].

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