

Child Health Research Institute

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Dear Investigator,

Thank you for communicating your interest in conducting a new human research study. CHRI/PRO offers a variety of guidance and resources to help investigators carry out such endeavors safely, productively, and in full compliance with regulations and ethical standards.

Typically, setting up investigator-initiated studies does not require significant hands-on support from our staff. Standard paths are already set up by the UNMC IRB that enable you to apply for approval or exemption, which even new investigators can navigate. **As a first step, fill out the questionnaire at IRB's page titled, "[Does my project require IRB review?](#)"**

If the answer is "yes," proceed to the next tab on the same menu, titled, "[Which Application Do I Use?](#)" Explanations there are relatively straightforward, but here are some quick tips:

- If you plan to collect human tissue or specimens from volunteers or from a biorepository, without any further physical interactions with the donors, you will likely use either the **Human Biological Material (HBM) application** or the **Tissue Bank application**.
- If your plan only involves collecting information/data from medical records, you will likely use either the **Medical Records application** or the **Data Registry application**.
- If your research plan falls in a list of several miscellaneous low-risk categories, you may be prompted to fill out the **Exempt Research application**.
- Studies that seek more generalizable knowledge and/or introduce more sensitivity or risk for human participants will likely use one of the 3 other application forms. In those cases, if your study requires more hands-on support, please fill out the PRO [intake form](#) to set up a consultation with us, after completing a [CHRI membership application](#).
- CHRI is happy to provide examples of approved IRB applications for your reference.

Once you have used the "Which Application Do I Use" page to identify the right application for your study, you can begin filling out the specified electronic application form via the [Research Support System \(RSS\)](#). If any questions arise, please email us at PedsResearch@unmc.edu, and we will be glad to help you move forward in IRB review.

Sincerely,



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