

Southern Utah University Institutional Review Board
REVIEWER CHECKLIST
PRISONERS AS SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

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Reviewer

Reviewer's College

Date

Reviewer's E-mail

Reviewer's Phone Extension

Title of Proposed Research

Principle Investigator (PI)

PI's E-mail

PI's College

REQUIRED CATEGORIES: Please indicate which category applies to this study. One of the following *must* apply for the research to be approved.

This is a study of the possible causes, effects, and processes of incarceration, or of criminal behavior, provided that the study presents no more than minimal risk and no more than inconvenience to the subjects.

This is a study of prisons as institutional structures or of prisoners as incarcerated persons, provided that the study presents no more than minimal risk and no more than inconvenience to the subjects.

This is research on conditions particularly affecting prisoners as a class (e.g. research on hepatitis which is more prevalent in prisons than elsewhere, and research on social and psychological problems such as alcoholism, drug addiction, and sexual assaults) provided that the study may proceed only after the Secretary has consulted with appropriate experts including experts in penology, medicine, and ethics, and published notice, in the Federal Register, of his intent to approve such research.

This research is in on practices, both innovative and accepted, which have the intent and reasonable probability of improving the health or well-being of the subject. In cases in which those studies require the assignment of prisoners in a manner consistent with protocols approved by the IRB to control groups which may not benefit from the research, the study may proceed only after the Secretary (through OHRP) has consulted with appropriate experts.

OTHER NECESSARY CONSIDERATIONS:

Check the appropriate box. If you answer No, describe in Requested Revisions/Clarifications section.

Are there any possible advantages accruing to the prisoner through his/her participation in the research, when compared to the general living conditions, medical care, quality of food, amenities and opportunity for earnings in the prison, are not of such a magnitude that his/her ability to weigh the risks of the research against the value of such advantages in the limited choice environment of the prison is impaired;

YES NO

The risks involved in this research are commensurate with risks that would be accepted by non-prisoner volunteers;

YES NO

Procedures for the selection of subjects within the prison are fair to all prisoners and immune from arbitrary intervention by prison authorities or prisoners. Control subjects must be selected randomly from the group of available prisoners who meet the characteristics needed for that particular research project; (justification is provided if NO);

YES NO

The information is presented in language which is understandable to the subject population;

YES NO

Adequate assurance exists that parole boards will not take into account a prisoner's participation in the research in making decisions regarding parole, and each prisoner is clearly informed in advance that participation in the research will have no effect on his/her parole

YES NO

Where the IRB finds there may be a need for follow-up examination or care of participation after the end of their participation, adequate provision has been made for such examination or care, taking into account the varying lengths or individual prisoners' sentences, and for informing participants of this fact.

YES NO

Requested Revisions/Clarifications: Provide more information if you answered "No" to any questions above.