

Full Review Information

The Full Review procedure consists of a review of research involving human subjects by the UT Martin IRB in compliance with the requirements set forth in 45 CFR, 46.110. The full UT Martin IRB typically reviews research projects that involve participants selected from groups that are considered especially vulnerable to coercion or undue influence in research settings. These groups include children (including indirectly infants if their nursing mothers are research participants), fetuses, pregnant women, mentally disabled (i.e., cognitively impaired) persons, prisoners, and economically or educationally disadvantaged persons.

The primary review concerns are (1) that the use of persons from these groups is justified, (2) that risks are minimized, and (3) that additional safeguards are implemented to minimize risks unique to each group. If the research risks are greater than minimal risks (i.e., those ordinarily encountered in daily life of during routine psychological or physical examinations), then the research must directly benefit participants, and those benefits must exceed the risks.

Categories of Full IRB Reviewed Research:

- 1) Projects requiring the use of deception.
- 2) Use of prisoners, pregnant women, fetuses, the seriously ill, or persons with mental disabilities, or incompetent individuals.
- 3) Collection of information or recording of behavior which, if known outside the research, could reasonably place the subject at risk of civil, or criminal liability or damage the participant's social standing, financial standing, or employability.
- 4) Collection of information regarding sensitive aspects of the participant's behavior such as: drug and alcohol use, illegal conduct, or sexual behavior.
- 5) Studies in which the anticipated risks exceed the minimal risk definition.
- 6) Survey and Interview research involving children requires full IRB review [Federal Policy §____.101(b)(2): 45 CFR 401(b)].