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# Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee (AHREC)

# Checklist for Expedited Reviews

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| **A.** | **Risk of Harm**  |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve situations in which the researcher may be at risk of harm? | YES | NO |
|  | 2. | Does the research involve the use of any method, whether anonymous or not, which might reasonably be expected to cause discomfort, pain, embarrassment, psychological or spiritual harm to the participants? | YES | NO |
|  | 3. | Does the research involve processes that are potentially disadvantageous to a person or group, such as the collection of information which may expose the person/group to discrimination? | YES | NO |
|  | 4. | Does the research involve collection of information about illegal behaviour(s) which could place the researcher or participants at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to their financial standing, employability, professional or personal relationships? | YES | NO |
|  | 5. | Does the research involve any form of physically invasive procedure on participants, such as the collection of blood, body fluids, tissue samples, DNA, human tissue from a tissue bank, exercise or dietary regimes or physical examination? | YES | NO |
|  | 6. | Does the research involve any intervention administered to the participant, such as drugs, medicine (other than in the course of standard medical procedure), placebo, environmental conditions, food/drink? | YES | NO |
|  | 7 | Does the research involve processes that involve EEG, ECG, MRI, TMS, MRI, EMG, radiation, invasive or surface recordings? | YES | NO |
|  | 8. | Is the research considered a clinical trial? | YES | NO |
|  | 9. | Does the research involve physical pain beyond mild discomfort? | YES | NO |
| **B.** | **Informed and Voluntary Consent** |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve participants giving oral consent rather than written consent?(If participants are anonymous the response is “No”). | YES | NO |
|  | 2. | Does the research involve participation of children under sixteen years of age | YES | NO |
|  | 3. | Does the research involve participants who are in a dependent situation, such as people with a disability, residents of a hospital, nursing home or prison, or patients highly dependent on medical care? | YES | NO |
|  | 4. | Does the research involve participants who are being asked to comment on employers? | YES | NO |
|  | 5. | Does the research involve participants whose capacity to give informed consent is in doubt? | YES | NO |
|  | 6. | Does the research use previously collected information or biological samples for which there was no explicit consent? | YES | NO |
| **D.** | **Privacy and confidentiality issues** |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve evaluation of University of Auckland or Auckland DHB services or organisational practices where information of a personal nature may be collected and where participants may be identified? | YES | NO |
|  | 2. | Does the research involve University of Auckland or Auckland DHB staff or students where information of a personal nature may be collected and where participants may be identified? | YES | NO |
|  | 3. | Does the research involve matters of commercial sensitivity? | YES | NO |
|  | 4. | Does the research involve Focus Groups? | YES | NO |
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| **E.** | **Deception** |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve deception of the participants, including concealment or covert observations? | YES | NO |
| **F.** | **Conflict of interest** |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest for the researcher (for example, where the researcher is also the lecturer/teacher/treatment provider/colleague or employer of the participants, or where there is a power relationship between researcher and participants)? | YES | NO |
| **G.** | **Cultural sensitivity** |
|  | 1. | Does the research raise any specific ethnic or cultural issues  | YES | NO |
| **H.** | **Requirements imposed from outside The University of Auckland or ADHB** |
|  | 1. | Does the research involve a requirement imposed by an organisation outside The University of Auckland or ADHB? | YES | NO |