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## **Do I Need IRB Approval to Collect Data for Quality Improvement/ Quality Assurance Projects?**

Activities conducted for the sole purpose of quality improvement or quality assurance (QI/QA) **usually** do not require IRB approval, because they **usually** do not meet the definition of “research” as defined in [45 CFR 46.102](#)

We strongly encourage UToledo faculty and staff who plan to engage in QI/QA activities to visit [www.utoledo.edu/officeofquality](http://www.utoledo.edu/officeofquality) for more information.