



August 15, 2017

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RE: Determination: No IRB Review Required
eIRB#: IRB00098251
Title: *Acute pancreatitis Readmission rates in the USA*
PI: Emad Qayed

Dear Dr.Qayed:

Thank you for requesting a determination from our office about the above-referenced project. Based on our review of the materials you provided, we have determined that it does not require IRB review because it does not meet the definition of research with human subjects as set forth in Emory policies and procedures and federal rules, if applicable. Specifically, in this project, you will be accessing data that is de-identified. There is no way for any person to link the data to any specific subject. There are no patient identifiers associated with the data. Therefore, no IRB review is necessary for you to complete this project.

Please note that this determination does not mean that you cannot publish the results. This determination could be affected by substantive changes in the study design, subject populations, or identifiability of data. If the project changes in any substantive way, please contact our office for clarification.

Thank you for consulting the IRB.

Sincerely,

Micole Hasan

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Job Title