

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #1

“I have a study that I need approved immediately! It’s low risk and should be expedited. We’ll be conducting 15 minute surveys about breastfeeding with new moms over age 18 within 48 hours of their having given birth. We’ll be giving free baby photo shoots as incentive.”

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #2

“Hey, remember that study your IRB approved and I conducted 2 years ago? The one with undocumented immigrants and their experiences with tax preparation services? Well, I want to give that dataset to my colleague who is interested in another research question the data may help her answer.”

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #3

“We need to finalize our study proposal and budget in 2 days. It’s a random assignment study of a housing program for homeless youth who are in a shelter. I thought you may be able to help me understand the human subjects issues we need to consider and budget for.”

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #4

“Our field team is reporting back that a lot of the people they’re interviewing, who we knew going in were being treated for mental illness, also have substance use issues. I’m not sure if our protocol or anything needs to change...”

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #5

“We just received a study application to do interviews and participant-observer field research with gay and lesbian minors. They applied for a waiver of written informed consent. Can they do that? With teenagers?”

A LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PHONE CALL TO THE IRB #6

“An investigator is setting up a study of transgender women in which the research subjects also conduct interviews and analyze the transcripts with the research team. Some of the subjects are sex workers. How can they deal with privacy issues, like HIV, criminal activity, and health information with so many people having access to the data?”