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### Pilot Activities

Pilot activities include small-scale studies to refine a research design, determine the feasibility of a larger study, or pilot test a research instrument. Pilot activities that must be approved by CHR are those in which an investigator (1) systematically collects data through intervention or interaction with a living individual, or (2) obtains identifiable private information about a living individual that is intended to develop or contribute to research.

An example of a pilot activity requiring CHR approval would be: refining a questionnaire through feedback obtained from a small group of individuals in preparation for a larger study. On the other hand, casually asking a colleague to check a research instrument for understanding is not human subjects research and does not need CHR approval.

Investigators who are uncertain as to whether a planned activity requires CHR review are encouraged to consult with the Office for Research Subjects.