## **IRB Decision Tree** Are you an SMC student, faculty, or staff member? Will your <u>research</u> involve SMC students, faculty, or staff? Will your <u>research</u> involve human beings or protected records of human beings? Yes Yes Will your <u>research</u> involve: 1. Activities which are more than "minimal risk"? IRB approval is required. Check 2. Incarcerated individuals? IRB approval IRB approval with your 3. Studies of pregnant women where the focus of the sponsoring organization for next steps. required. required. research is on pregnancy and/or the fetus 4. Research on fetuses in utero? 5. Research on minor children unless the research qualifies as educational research, or where the research does not involve direct interaction with the child? 6. Accessing non-public records? 7. Any occurrence where placebos, coercion, or other forms of misrepresentation will be used? Yes Are you planning to disseminate your findings outside of campus? IRB approval is required. Submit application for Full Review. Yes Does your research fall into one of the exemption IRB approval is not required. categories? Federal Exempt Review Categories Yes Does your research fall into one of the nine federal categories for expedited review? IRB approval is required. Submit application for Exempt Review. Federal Expedited Review Categories Yes IRB approval is required. Submit IRB approval is required. Submit application for application for Full Expedited Review. Review.