IRB Policy to Exclude Certain Forms of Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Research from Review

Summary/Purpose: Lists certain types of human subjects research that do not require IRB review or applications.

- All human subjects research requires an application to the IRB
- Quality assurance / quality improvement (QA/QI) could be considered research by the federal regulations
- The IRB has determined that certain forms of QA/QI activities do not require IRB review or applications:
  - Teaching, Faculty and Staff evaluations (However, research on such evaluations would require IRB review)
  - Performance evaluations
  - Institutional program review
  - Classroom assessment
  - Curriculum review
  - Strategic planning
  - Performance improvement research conducted exclusively by Athletics Department personnel (However, Athletics Department research that includes faculty as investigators would require IRB review)

Investigators unsure of whether their research must be reviewed by the IRB should inquire at the IRB office, 915-7482 or irb@olemiss.edu