

# Who Can Review?

## Understanding Reviewer Requirements under the Final Rule

### Convened Review

- At least five members on the roster with varying backgrounds to promote complete and adequate review of research activities commonly conducted by the institution
- Sufficiently qualified members through experience and expertise (professional competence), diversity, and sensitivity to such issues as community attitudes, to promote respect for its advice and counsel in safeguarding the rights and welfare of human subjects
- A Scientist
- A Non-scientist
- A Non-affiliated member
- Members without conflicting interests in the research being reviewed
- Majority of members or alternate members present at the meeting

### Exempt Review

Not specified in regulation. Should be designated by institutional policies and procedures. This could be IRB administrator, IRB member, or staff (who is not a member of the IRB). OHRP recommends that, because of the potential for conflict of interest, investigators not be given the authority to make an independent determination that human subjects research is exempt.

### Limited IRB Review as a Condition of Exemption

IRB chairperson or by one or more experienced reviewers designated by the chairperson from among members of the IRB (cannot be a non-member like an IRB staff that is not a member of the IRB)

### Expedited Review

IRB chairperson or by one or more experienced reviewers designated by the chairperson from among members of the IRB

