

Grand Valley State University Human Research Review Committee Procedure	
Subject: <i>Inclusion of subjects with limited English proficiency in minimal risk research.</i>	
Section: 5.0	This procedure supersedes those previously drafted
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Related Sections:	

Federal regulations require that entities receiving federal funding take “reasonable steps” to assure “meaningful access” for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). [See: Executive Order 13166 and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act] However, the regulations and guidelines permit institutions to take into account the resources required and costs imposed for including LEP persons in minimal risk research that provides no direct benefit to and includes some burden on subjects. Because surveys or other minimal risk research likely have little direct benefit for subjects, but rather imposes a burden on subjects, limited access for LEP persons constitutes no violation of civil rights law or research ethics. In all cases recruitment of and consent from research subjects shall be made in culturally appropriate contexts, including use of the subjects' native language in dialogue and on written forms, as appropriate. The HRRC office is available to assist investigators in determining what is required to assure a culturally appropriate context.