

Grand Valley State University Human Research Review Committee Procedure	
Subject: <i>Changes to exempt protocols that may entail changes in protocol status</i>	
Section: 8.2	This procedure supersedes those previously drafted
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Related Sections:	

. OHRP recommends and HRRC requires that investigators not be given the authority to make an independent determination that human subjects research is exempt. Although the HRRC alone is authorized to determine the final status of a protocol, investigators should first consult with the appropriate institutional authority (e.g., unit head, faculty advisor, HRRC, etc.) whenever questions arise about whether planned changes to an exempt study might make that study nonexempt research. All investigators are required to report to the HRRC any new information that may cause an approved research activity to change from exempt status to expedited or full board review status. New information would include, but is not limited to, any adverse events or unexpected problems encountered during the research activity or any alteration in data collection that could result in the identification of subjects. The exempt status expires when the review category changes.