

Which HIPAA Requirement?

Use a HIPAA Authorization (Release of Information for Research Purposes)

- If you are using an informed consent document.

Use a HIPAA Waiver if:

- You are requesting a Waiver of Consent.
- You are requesting a Waiver of Documentation of Consent (you're giving the subject an information sheet about your study but you're not asking them to sign it).
- You will be looking at or collecting any of the 18 identifiers noted in the HIPAA regulation for your research subjects, records, or specimens.

You may be exempt from HIPAA regulation if:

- You do not have access to any private health information.
For example, Meriter is supplying you with de-identified biological specimens and you have no access to the donor of the specimens.
- You are not collecting any private health information even though you may know who your subjects are.
For example, you are doing a survey of Meriter employees about their opinions on performing health provider duties.
- You are doing a study that meets the criteria for a quality improvement project and you are not recording any health information that can be individually linked to the person it came from.

Still confused? Call the Meriter IRB Office at 417-6411.