

SRI VENKATESWARA DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CHENNAI
Institute Ethics Committee

Exemption from IEC Review
Application Form

Project ID No.: _____ (To be filled by IEC Secretariat)

1. Principal Investigator's Name: _____
2. Title of Project: _____
3. Brief description of the project-Please give a brief summary (approx.300 words) of the nature of the proposal, including the aims /objectives/hypotheses of the project, rationale, participants' description, and procedures/methods to be used in the project.
4. Please check that your application /summary includes:
 - Procedures for voluntary, informed consent
 - Privacy & confidentiality
 - Risk to participants
 - Needs of dependent persons
 - Conflict of interest
 - Permission for access to participants from other institutions or bodies
 - Inducements
5. State reasons why exemptions form IEC review is requested? (Tick applicable)
 - a. Audit of educational practices
 - b. Research on microbes cultured in the laboratory
 - c. Research on immortalized cell lines
 - d. Research on cadavers or death certificates which reveals no identifying personal data
 - e. Analysis of data freely available in the public domain

f. Any other

Principal Investigator's

Signature: _____ Date _____

Recommendation by the IEC Member Secretary:

Exemption

Cannot be exempted. Reasons _____

Discussion at full board

Signature of the Member Secretary: _____

Date _____

Final Decision:

Exemption

Cannot be exempted.

Reasons _____

Signature of the Chairperson: _____ Date _____

Final Decision at Full Board meeting held on _____

Signature of the Chairperson: _____ Date _____

NOTE:

No research can be counted as low risk if it involves:

- i. Invasive physical procedures or potential for physical harm
- ii. Procedures which might cause mental/ emotional stress or distress, moral
Or cultural offence
- iii. Personal or sensitive issues
- iv. Vulnerable groups
- v. Cross cultural research
- vi. Investigation of illegal behavior (s)I
- vii. Invasion of privacy
- viii. Collection of information that might be disadvantageous to the participant
- ix. Use of information already collected that is not in the public arena which might
Be disadvantageous to the participant
- x. Use of information already collected which was collected under agreement
Of confidentiality
- xi. Participants who are unable to give informed consent
- xii. Conflict of interest e.g the researcher is also the lecturer, teacher, treatment-provider,
Colleague or employer of the research participants, or there is any
Other power relationship between the researcher and the research participants.
- xiii. Deception
- xiv. Audio or usual recording without consent
- xv. Withholding benefits from “control’ groups
- xvi. Inducements

This list is not definitive but is intended to sensitize the researcher to the types of issues to be considered. Low risk research would involve the same risk as might be encountered in normal daily life. Please check that your application /summary has discussed:

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In some circumstances research, which appears to meet low risk criteria, may need to be renewed by the IEC. This might be because of requirements of:

- The publisher of the research
 - An organization, which is providing funding resources, existing data, access to participants
- etc.