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The purpose of this guideline is to:


Provide guidance on the requirements for submitting a medical case report study/series and chart reviews for research purposes.

For HSREB, a case report study/series is a detailed report of the symptoms, signs, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of an individual patient/person.

For GREB, a case report is a detailed report of the situation, events, and intervention or support provided in a person's file.

Certain types of case report studies require REB approval.

A research case report and chart review studies are required to be submitted for approval from the REB before the case report/chart review begins (i.e. before consenting the participant). Please refer to the applications listed in TRAQ and submit the most appropriate application type for a case study/series vs. a chart review.



Teaching cases are exempt from ethics review based on the TCPS 2, Article 2.5. The 'intent or purpose' of a teaching case report study is for educational or learning purposes rather than research and, therefore, does not fall under the scope of the TCPS 2. A teaching case report will

