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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**New simplified application process for research involving databases**

The OHSN-REB has simplified the application process for research involving databases. Clinical Databases approved by the TOH/UOHI Privacy Office being used for research may **now** be submitted using the simplified **Chart Review/Database Research Application**.

To qualify for this new simplified process the investigator **must** provide evidence of database approval from the TOH/UOHI Privacy Office if database was initially developed for clinical/administrative purposes or a completed request to the Decision Support Office to use TOH Data Warehouse information. If the database was initially developed for research purposes then proof of REB approval is required.

Enclosed is a copy of SOP 1001 entitled 'Databases Used for Research Purposes' along with a flow diagram to help you determine if your project qualifies for this simplified process.

Please contact the REB Office if you have any questions about these changes.

Thank you.  
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