"Research": a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

• Use: When research requires identifiers to select or identify appropriate charts.

• Collected: When research requires recording identifiers for any length of time.

• "Identifiable": When the data contains any of the 18 identifiers (i.e. name, MRN, age, etc.)

• Prospective collection: When the data are not all "on the shelf" at the time of IRB submission.

• Direct/Indirect identifiers: See HIPAA waiver for list.