

GETTING YOUR RESEARCH OFF THE GROUND

All About the Penn IRB & What it Means for Your Dissertation

AGENDA:

What Is The IRB & Why Do I Care

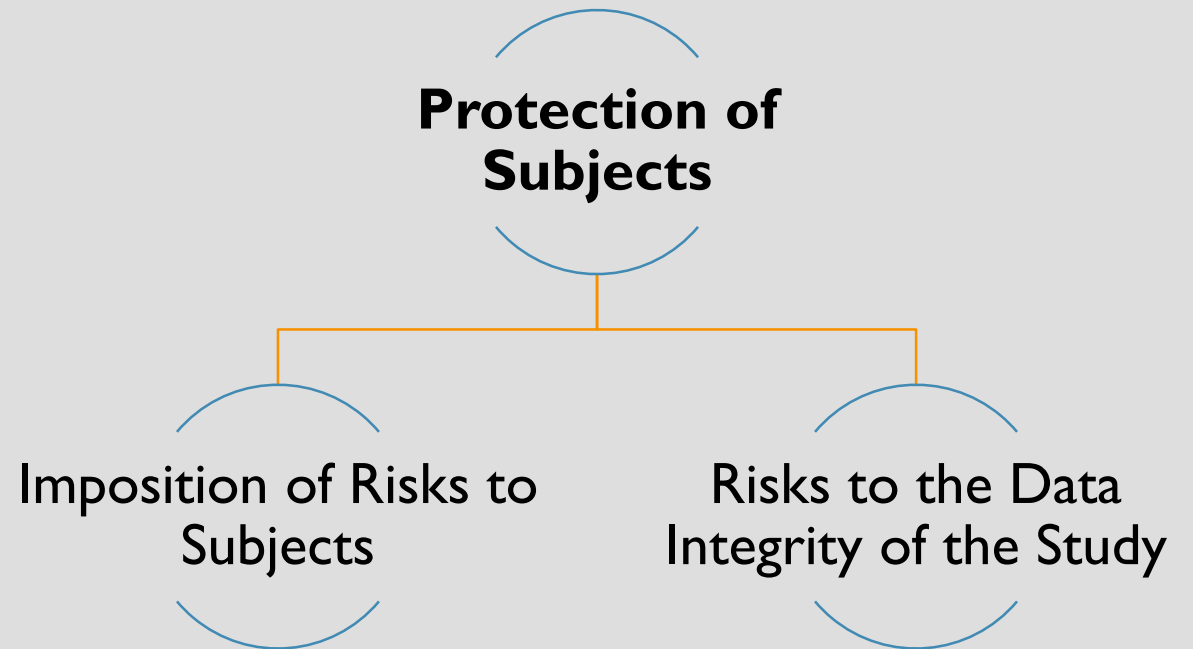
IRB = Ethicist's Review of Research

Types of Studies: exempt vs. expedited

Where Can I Ask My Questions: tips & best practices, plus who to reach out to for help

IRB as the Independent Ethicist

Serves as an
independent body
tasked with
protecting subjects
(and researchers!)



TYPES OF STUDIES: determines how often you need to see us in the future

Not Human
Subjects Research
(NHSR)

Minimal Risk &
Exempt from
Further Review

Minimal Risk w/
Expedited Review

Greater-than-
Minimal-Risk
Studies

TYPES OF STUDIES:

So am I exempt or expedited?

Example Traits of Exempt Studies

- Collecting **non-sensitive** information that can't be traced back to subjects
- Use of a **limited dataset** (de-identified with indirect identifiers, like dates or zip codes)
- Surveying or interviewing people on public behavior **without identifiers** or use of them to search data

Example Traits of Expedited Studies

- Collecting **sensitive** information or information that can be traced to subjects
- Use of an **identifiable dataset** that links subjects with other direct identifiers
- Surveying or interviewing on either sensitive behaviors or **maintaining** their **identifiers**

HOW TO SUBMIT: Most importantly,
always feel free to ask questions!

Walkthrough
& Guidance
Online

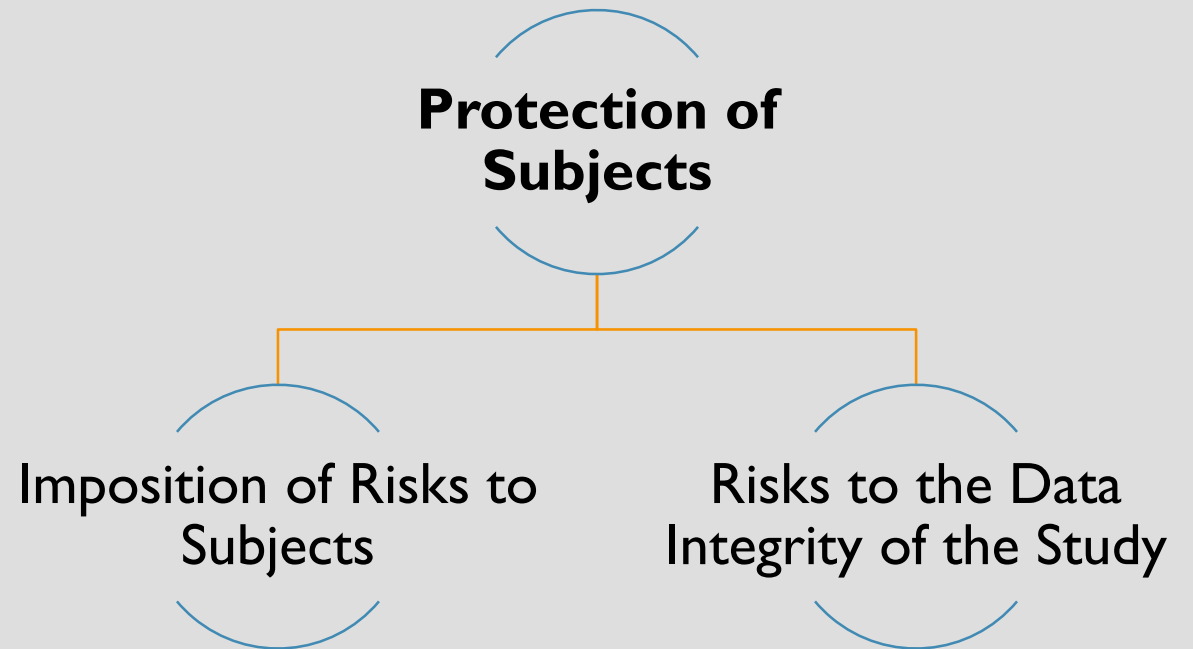
Reach Out to
Analyst Team

Reach Out to
General Help
Desk

Just Give Us
a Call!

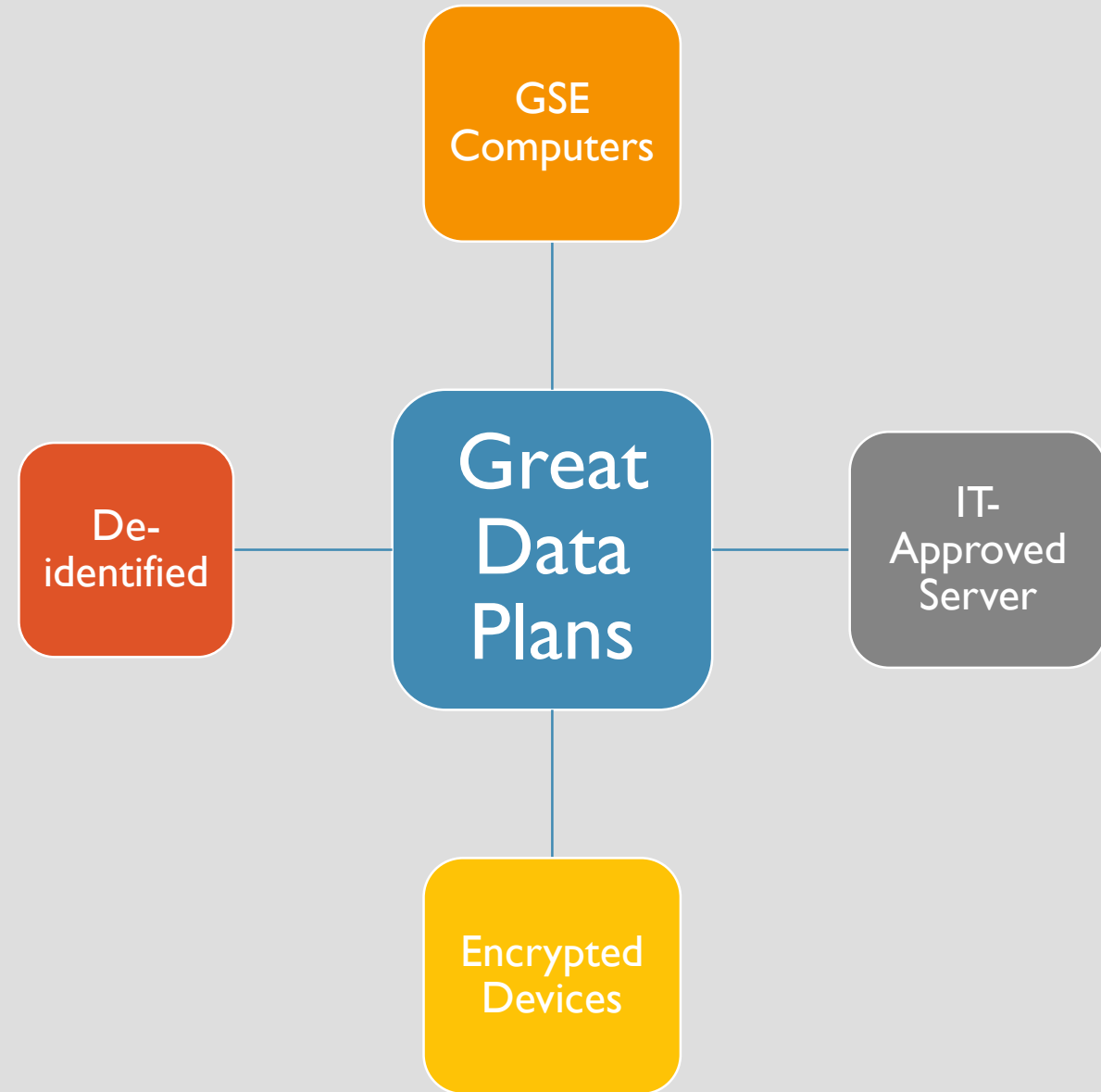
INSIDER TIP #1:
Never feel like you have to
duplicate information

If you use our protocol
templates, you **do not**
have to **fill** out the **same**
sections in HS-ERA



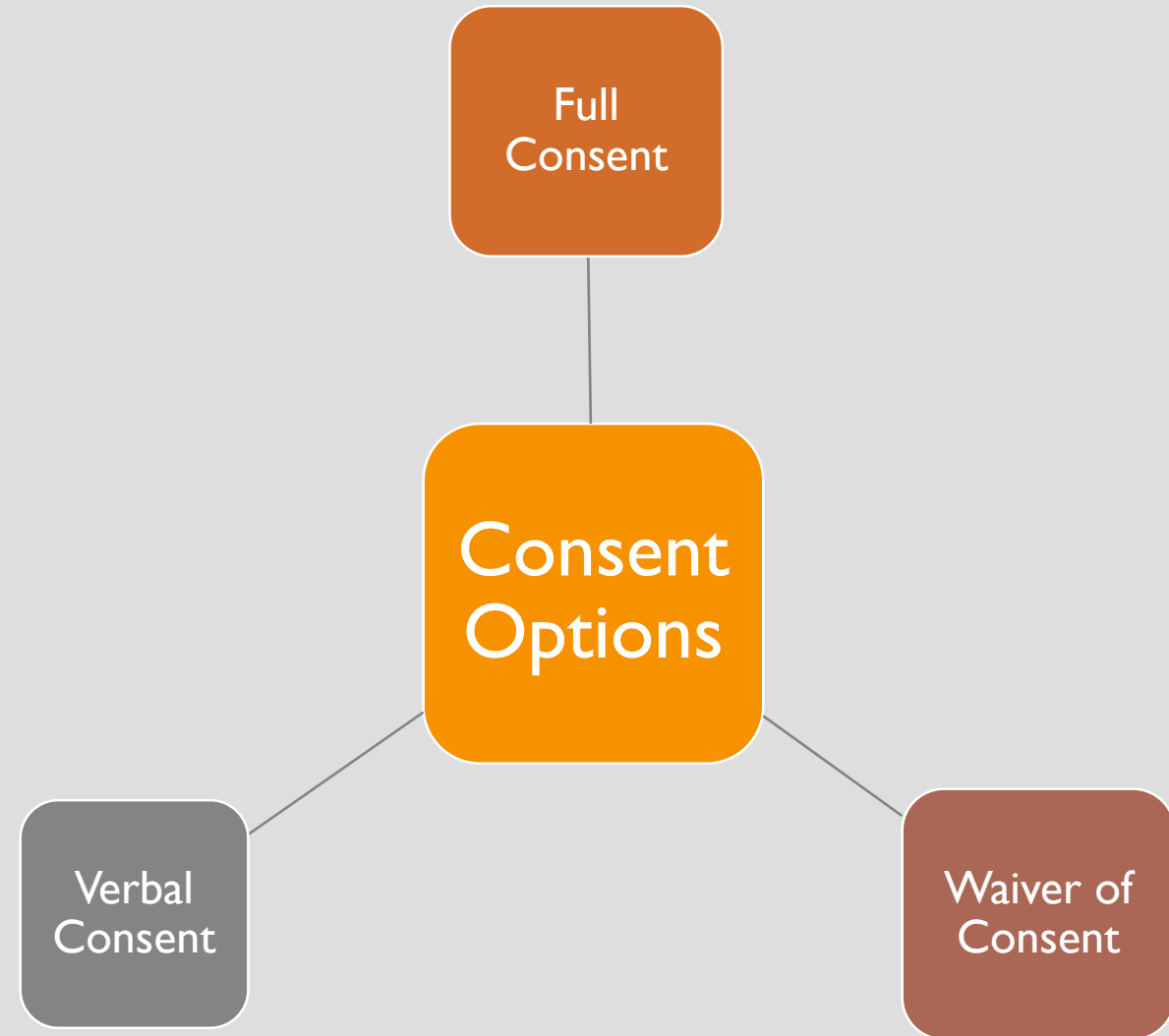
INSIDER TIP #2:
Data protection is king –and
easy

Reach out to your **IT
Department** if you're
unsure as to whether
your management plan is
okay



INSIDER TIP #3:
Consider consent & who is at
unique risk

Know your options for
consent, but always keep
in mind how to
maximize autonomy
and who might need
additional measures



Remember Though:
Always reach out for help!

Questions are a good sign of thinking about the research; **never hesitate to ask!**

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