

FAQ: QUALITY ASSURANCE / IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN GME

1. What is the difference between Research and Quality Projects?

Please refer to the [HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov).

2. How do I start a quality improvement (QI) project in HCA facilities?

Please refer to the [flowchart](#).

Once you submit your proposal to [NF Division Research Office](#), You will be guided about the required forms and [trainings](#) based on the content on your project.

3. Do I also submit my OI project proposal to [DATACLEAR](#)?

If your project involves research, human subjects, is not exempt, you need to submit to [DATACLEAR](#) for HCA corporate approval.

4. Do I need local facility approval for my proposal?

Yes, you need to have the [Quality project checklist](#) forms signed by your local facility.

5. Which forms shall I use while submitting QI projects?

[Quality project checklist](#) forms are required for submission. If you are going to submit to IRB, you also need to fill [UCF IRB protocol form](#).

6. Do I need to submit to [IRB](#)?

IRB review is needed if the research involves human subjects, is not exempt, and is conducted or supported by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) or otherwise covered by an applicable Federal Wide Assurance (FWA).

Once your project is approved by the [HCA Corporate Research Office](#), you will be guided by your [NF Division Research Office](#) about IRB submission and the required forms.

7. May I publish the results of my QI project?

Yes, you may publish it if you have [EDR/ PubCLEAR](#) and/ or IRB approval.