**DO I NEED IRB APPROVAL?**

*Decision Tree*

**Will the study contribute to generalizable knowledge (e.g. presentations and publications outside of the BSC community)?**

*Note: Answer “no” for class projects that are not to be disseminated outside of the classroom. However if your study includes vulnerable populations (e.g. minorities, individuals under 19) or questions of a personal nature (e.g. sex, alcohol, drug use), you may be required to submit an IRB application. For clarifications, please contact the IRB chair before beginning the study.*

**Is a BSC faculty/staff member involved in the design or conduct of the study, or will use the data for publication/dissemination (outside of the college)?**

**Are you collaborating with individuals outside of BSC?**

**Will BSC faculty, staff or students be engaged in the activities?**

*Some examples of engaged activities:*

1. Conduct of research under a HHS grant to BSC
2. Interacting or intervening with living individuals for the purpose of research by BSC faculty or staff
3. BSC faculty or staff obtaining, releasing or permitting investigators to obtain individually primate information for research purposes

For more information on what constitutes engaged activities, see [http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/engage08.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/engage08.html)

**You do not need BSC IRB approval**

**Is the source of your data private?**

**Will your research involve interaction or intervention with the individuals? This includes online and mail surveys.**

**You will need BSC IRB approval before beginning your study**