Do I need Human Research Ethics approval when conducting quality assurance and/or evaluation activities?

# Complete this check list:

For further information, refer to the NHMRC [Ethical Considerations in Quality Assurance and Evaluation Activities](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/attachments/ethical-considerations-in-quality-assurance-and-evaluation-activites.pdf) document, or contact the Ethics Office for further assistance.

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|  Activities involved | Yes | No |
| Is there potential for the activity to infringe the privacy or professional reputation of participants, providers or organisations?  |[ ] [ ]
| Do you intend to use the data or analysis from QA or evaluation activities for another purpose? *i.e. publish the findings; make the data available for secondary use/research purposes etc* |[ ] [ ]
| Will you be gathering information about participants that is beyond what is routinely collected? *e.g., biospecimens or additional investigations* |[ ] [ ]
| Any testing of non-standard (innovative) protocols or equipment? |[ ] [ ]
| Will the activity involve any comparison of cohorts?   |[ ] [ ]
| Will the activity involve randomisation or the use of control groups or placebos?  |[ ] [ ]
| Will you be conducting targeted analysis of data involving minority/vulnerable groups whose data is to be separated out of that data collected or analysed as part of the activity? *e.g., A focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples* |[ ] [ ]

NOTE: If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions Human Research Ethics approval is required before you may commence. Please complete and submit a [Human Research Ethics application](https://researchadmin.usq.edu.au/do/cayuse-product-home?product=ETHICS_MONITOR).

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