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**Supplement Form K**

**Research Involving the Internet**

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| **PI Name:**  | **Date:** Click here to enter a date. |
| Protocol Title:  | WMed IRB #:  |

1. **Use of the Internet**
	1. **How is the internet being used in this research: (check all that apply)**

[ ]  Recruitment of subjects

[ ]  Administration of surveys

[ ]  Observation of Internet activity, including social media

[ ]  Data mining/harvesting/scraping

[ ]  Paying subjects to perform tasks via the Internet (e.g. Mechanical Turk)

[ ]  Mobile Health

[ ]  Other, specify:

* 1. **List any websites or web-based tools that will be used for the research:**

* 1. **Describe the proposed use(s) of the internet:**

* 1. **Is the proposed research consistent with the Terms of Use or other standards or rules governing the use of the site(s) or tool(s)?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No, explain:

1. **Eligibility**
	1. **How will eligibility to participate in the research be assessed?**

* 1. **Will any measures be taken to authenticate subjects?**

[ ]  Yes, explain:

[ ]  No

* 1. **Will any measures be taken to screen out minors?**

[ ]  Yes, explain:

[ ]  No

1. **Privacy, Security, & Confidentiality**
	1. **Is online activity (e.g., chat rooms, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) being observed and/or participated in for the research?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If yes, answer the following:

* + 1. Describe the setting and nature of the online activity:

* + 1. Will subjects be aware that they are being observed and that the observation is for research?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No, provide justification:

* + 1. If applicable, describe how the researcher will be “introduced” into the chat room or other application? [ ]  NA

* + 1. Will subjects be quoted in research data sets or publications?

[ ]  Yes, explain:

[ ]  No

* + 1. Will subjects have the opportunity to opt-out of the use of their information?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No, provide justification:

* 1. **Are subjects’ identities known to or are subjects reasonably able to be identified by the researcher?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

* 1. **Will IP addresses, geolocation API, or other similar data be gathered that could be used or combined with other information to re-identify subjects?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

**Note:** The default settings of many survey and other tools are set to gather IP addresses.

* 1. **Describe how you will protect the confidentiality of subject information? Include technical information such as use of encryption, firewalls, etc.**

1. **Expertise**
	1. **Describe the technical expertise of the investigator and/or research team with regard to conducting this research and ensuring data integrity and security:**