

Review of: "Quality improvement and research differences: A guide for DNP and PhD faculty"

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I agree, the IRB should be the final say as to whether a study is "QI" or "research". Table 1. labels both with accurate key differences/elements; however, since QI projects are based on previous research / EBP tools/findings, some QI projects may be more robust and have various elements of research integrated with said listed QI elements (ex: pre & post-data, statistical scores, address gaps in knowledge/processes, have limited time period for project, and incorporate dissemination in the form of journal publications); hence, no QI project is alike. Untangling the determination of what a project is classified as is best left to the IRB to ensure compliance and work through the grey areas in question. Overall, this article is informative and gives guidance between the differences in QI and research.