

Covenant Medical Center
 Institutional Review Board
Research vs Quality Chart

	Research	Quality
Purpose	Develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge (i.e test hypotheses)	Improve a program or service and ensure it conforms with expected norms
Design	Develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge	Not applicable to populations other than that under evaluation
Authorization	Activities not mandated by institution or program	Activity mandated by institution or department as part of its operations
Findings	Findings are not expected to directly affect institutional or programmatic practice	Findings are expected to directly affect institutional practice and may identify needed corrective actions
Population	Involves a subset of individuals, generally, statistical justification for sample size is use to ensure endpoints are met	Includes all or most receiving a particular treatment or process
Benefits	Subjects may or may not directly benefit	Participants expected to benefit directly for activities