# The Institutional Review Board (IRB) & ISC, Inc.

## What is the IRB?
- A committee charged with protecting the rights and welfare of people involved in research.
- UNC Charlotte has their own IRB committee, made up of faculty, staff & community members to review research coming out of the University.

## What Does The IRB Do?
- Reviews plans for research involving human subjects.
- Assure that “when appropriate, there are adequate provisions to protect the privacy of subjects and to maintain the confidentiality of data” (46.111(a)(7)).
  - The type of security needed depends on type of research and level of risk to the human subject.

## What Types of Review Are There?
- **Non-Exempt**: Any study considered research that involves human subjects and may cause harm.
- **Expedited**: Study that poses minimal risk, or no more harm than ordinarily encountered in daily life.
- **Exempt**: Studies using Administrative Data (with the exception of current medical records); Research involving use of education tests, survey or interview procedures, or observation of public behavior; and Studies that do not constitute “Research”, which includes evaluations because they cannot be generalized to larger populations.

## What IRB Means for ISC, Inc.
- UNC Charlotte requires an IRB application for any study using the ISC Community Database since it is administrative data on vulnerable populations.
- This includes studies that will be exempt or expedited, though they won’t go to full committee, which only meets once a month.

## What You Need for a Study Using ISC Data
- Before a Data License Request can be submitted, the study must have IRB approval.
- Any study using ISC data needs to submit a Data License Request to the ISC Data and Research Oversight Committee (DAROC), which provides another layer of security.
- DAROC members will review the Data License Request and approved IRB application. They may deny the request, or request modifications or clarifications prior to approval.