

COMPASSIONATE (a.k.a EXPANDED) USE

WHO	Yes you – the compassionate / expanded use requestor
WHAT	Submission of compassionate / expanded use to the PHCIRB
WHY	You want to take advantage of a potential pathway to treat (outside of a clinical trial) patients with immediately life-threatening or serious disease conditions with investigational medical products.
HOW	 Submit the following documentation to the PHCIRB: A brief clinical history of the patient including diagnosis, disease status, prior therapy and rationale for requesting the proposed treatment. The proposed treatment plan including the dose, route, duration, monitoring procedures and modifications for toxicity. Uninvolved physician concurrence with treatment plan. Patient specific informed consent document. NOTE: This does NOT have to follow research consent requirement. Authorization or cross reference of IND (drug) or IDE (device) or permission for use of article for this specific purpose. FDA concurrence with proposal.

What the regulations say:

- 21 CFR 312.300 b): *Immediately life-threatening disease or condition* means a stage of disease in which there is reasonable likelihood that death will occur within a matter of months or in which premature death is likely without early treatment.
- Serious disease or condition means a disease or condition associated with morbidity that has substantial impact on day-to-day functioning. Short-lived and self-limiting morbidity will usually not be sufficient, but the morbidity need not be irreversible, provided it is persistent or recurrent. Whether a disease or condition is serious is a matter of clinical judgment, based on its impact on such factors as survival, day-to-day functioning, or the likelihood that the disease, if left untreated, will progress from a less severe condition to a more serious one.