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				include health care providers and patients, where the goal is not to modify direct patient clinical care (e.g., diagnosis, medication, or treatment). When clinical charts are being accessed for a behavioural study full patient consent is required. Retrospective medical chart review projects should be submitted using the Clinical application form.
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