**HIPAA DE-IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATION FORM**

*DO NOT COMPLETE IF AUTHORIZATION WILL BE OBTAINED OR WAIVER OF AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED*

IRB# PI Name:

Title:

Research which involves the use of "de-identified" protected health information (PHI) is exempt from HIPAA requirements. To be exempt from HIPAA, none of the following personal identifiers can be reviewed (accessed) or recorded by the research team.

**(A)** Names.

**(B)** Geographic subdivisions smaller than a State, including street address, city, county, precinct, zip code, and their equivalent geocodes, except for the initial three digits of a zip code if, according to the current publicly available data from the Bureau of the Census:

(1) The geographic unit formed by combining all zip codes with the same three initial digits contains more than 20,000 people; and

(2) The initial three digits of a zip code for all such geographic units containing 20,000 or fewer people is changed to 000.

**(C)** All elements of dates (except year) for dates directly related to an individual, including birth date, admission date, discharge date, date of death; and all ages over 89 and all elements of dates (including year) indicative of such age, except that such ages and elements may be aggregated into a single category of age 90 or older.

**(D)**  Telephone numbers.

**(E)** Fax numbers.

**(F)** Electronic mail addresses.

**(G)** Social security numbers.

**(H)** Medical record numbers.

**(I)** Health plan beneficiary numbers.

**(J)** Account numbers.

**(K)**  Certificate/license numbers.

**(L)** Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers.

**(M)**  Device identifiers and serial numbers.

**(N)** Web Universal Resource Locators (URLs).

**(O)** Internet Protocol (IP) address numbers.

**(P)** Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints.

**(Q)** Full face photographic images and any comparable images.

**(R)** Any other unique identifying number, characteristic, or code, except as permitted by paragraph (C) of this section.

I certify the protected health information (PHI) received or reviewed by research personnel for the research project referenced above does not include any of the 18 identifiers listed above.

Principal Investigator Signature: Date: