

In order to address possible privacy issues and determination of IRB oversight this documentation will provide investigators with examples of individually identifiable data that could require IRB oversight and/or compliance with HIPPA regulations. "Individually identifiable" refers to information that can be linked back to a specific individual, even if indirect. Below are 18 identifiers that apply to the definition of individually identifiable. Any of these, combined with some kind of health information (eg. an appointment with a particular doctor) would constitute protected health information.

Name

Address (geographic subdivisions smaller than state, including street, address, city, county, zip code).

All elements (except years) of dates related to an individual (including DOB, admission date, discharge date).

Telephone numbers

Fax number

Email address

Social Security number

Medical record number

Health plan beneficiary number

Account number

Certificate/license number

Any vehicle or other device serial number

Device identifiers or serial numbers

Web URL

Internet Protocol (IP) address numbers

Finger or voice prints

Photographic images

Any other characteristic that could uniquely identify an individual