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Research on Medical Practices (ROMP): Attitudes of IRB Personnel about Randomization and Informed Consent

Figure 1.
**Percent Agreement among PRIM&R Members regarding Which Activities Should Always
Trigger Full IRB Review**

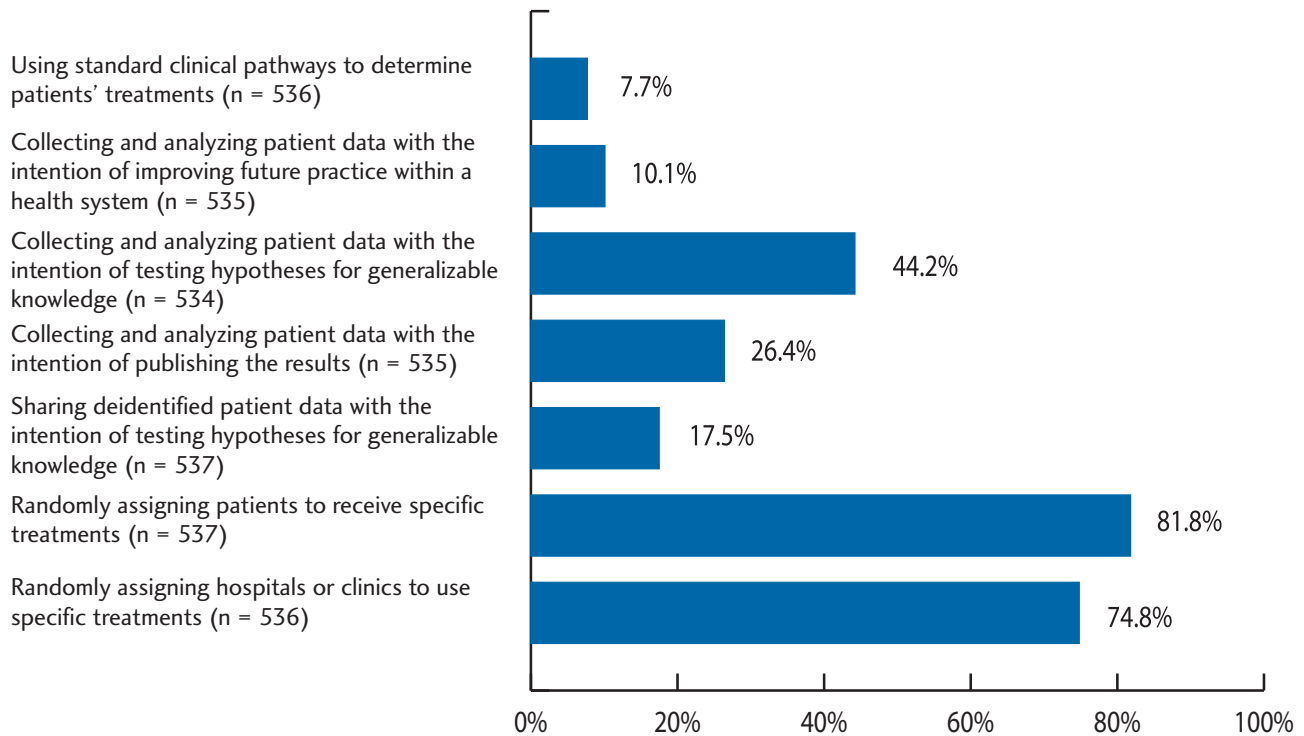


Table 1.
Responses of PRIM&R Members regarding Who May Ethically Obtain Informed Consent for a Study That Randomizes Patients to Different Forms of Usual Care (n = 527)

All	260 (49.2%)
All but the patient's clinician	166 (31.4%)
Only the patient's clinician	50 (9.5%)
All but a research nurse or study coordinator who is not involved with the patient's care	27 (5.1%)
All but an investigator who is not involved with the patient's care	14 (2.7%)
Only a research nurse or study coordinator who is not involved with the patient's care	7 (1.3%)
Only an investigator who is not involved with the patient's care	3 (0.6%)

Table 2.
Preferences of PRIM&R Members regarding Who Should Obtain Informed Consent for a Study That Randomizes Patients to Different Forms of Usual Care*

	<i>Most preferred</i> (n = 535)	<i>Least preferred</i> (n = 506)
The patient's clinician	189 (35.3%)	276 (54.5%)
An investigator who is not involved with the patient's care	160 (29.9%)	100 (19.8%)
A research nurse or study coordinator who is not involved with the patient's care	186 (34.8%)	130 (25.7%)

*Participants responded to this prompt: "In your opinion, please indicate your preference for who should obtain informed consent. (Please rank from most preferred to least preferred. Only one selection is allowed for each column.)" Participants used a table similar to this but with a third choice of "less preferred" appearing between the "most preferred" and "least preferred" options.

Figure 2.
Acceptability among PRIM&R Members regarding Waiving Informed Consent for a Study That Randomizes Patients to Different Forms of Usual Care (n = 506)

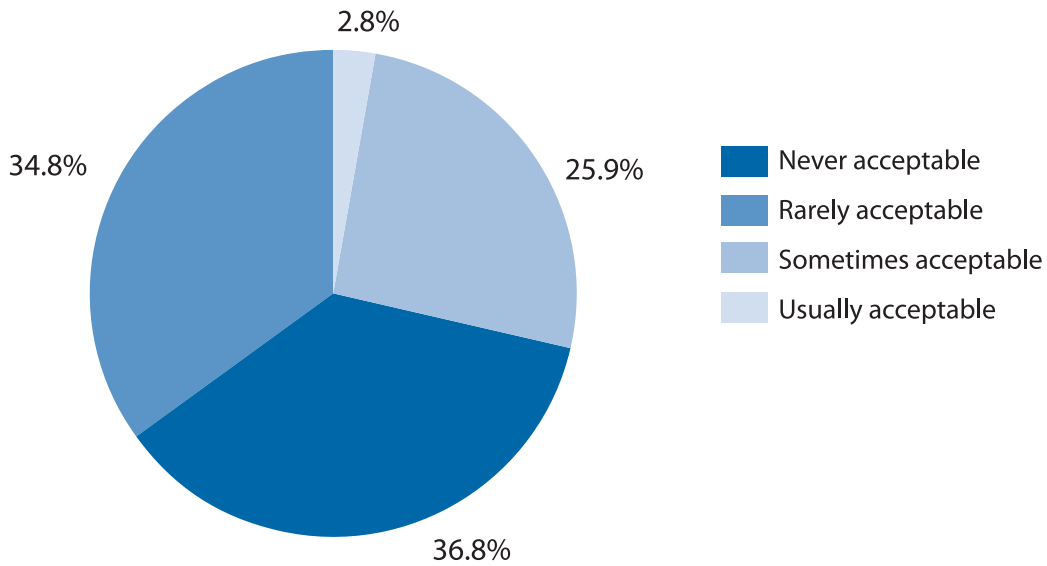


Figure 3.
Percentage of Agreement among PRIM&R Members regarding Minimum Acceptable and Preferred Approaches to Informed Consent

