

HIPAA and Preparatory to Research Activities at Meriter

The “preparatory to research” provisions of HIPAA permit researchers to access PHI without authorization to plan their research. The activities below are allowed; however, **PHI may NOT leave the Meriter premises or servers.**

Preparatory to Research Activities

- The development of research questions
- The determination of study feasibility (in terms of the available number and eligibility of potential study participants)
- The development of eligibility criteria (inclusion and exclusion)
- The determination of eligibility for study participation for specific individuals

UW Researchers are NOT employees of Meriter or members of the Meriter workforce for research purposes and **may NOT contact potential participants for recruitment** as part of preparatory to research activities.