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| **PART I. Overview**  **SECTION A. VR&E Program Overview** | |
| **CHAPTER 4. Research and Development** | |
| **Objectives:** | After completion of this training, VR&E staff are expected to:  • Understand the principles for undertaking research and development projects.   * Define the processes for developing and submitting VR&E research proposals. * Identify the required safeguards and considerations and the risks involved with human subjects in research projects. |
| **Contents:** | Research and Development Overview  a. Special Consideration for Human Subjects  1. Institutional Review Board (IRB)  2. Assessment of Risks  3. Types of Risk  b. Collection of Information  c. Interagency Coordination  1. The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)  2. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)  3. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR),  previously known as Institute of Handicapped Research  4. The Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR)  d. Funding  Research Conducted by VR&E Divisions  a. Developing Research Proposals  b. Submitting Research Proposals  Research Conducted by Educational Institutions in Conjunction with VA  a. Authority to Conduct Research  b. Disclosure of Information to Educational Institutions  c. Proposal Format |
| **Exercises:** | 1. Why does VA undertake research and development projects? 2. Describe the processes for developing and submitting research proposals including who reviews the research proposal. 3. Provide the details on the special safeguards and considerations that must be utilized when working with human subjects in research projects. 4. Explain the types of risk to which research subjects may be exposed. |
| **Rescission Information:** | Part I rescinds M28, Part 1, General Program Information, Chapters 1, 2, and 4. |