When an MSU human subject research project involves a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) procedure, the IRB typically does not require the research protocol include a urine pregnancy test for women who are capable of pregnancy prior to participation if all of the following criteria are met:

- Women are certain of their pregnancy status
- MRI scan is limited to the head
- Contrast agent is not used
- Research does not involve children
- Research does not involve a legally authorized representative
- An IRB-approved screening form is used

Research that includes women capable of pregnancy that may meet these conditions will include an IRB-approved screening form to provide a mechanism for education, self-reporting, and the ability to opt-out of pregnancy testing. However, women who are unsure of their pregnancy status will be required to undergo a urine pregnancy test prior to participation.

A template “Pregnancy Screening Form for Women Undergoing an MRI in Research” is available on the human research website at http://humanresearch.msu.edu/form_instructions.html

For ongoing research, use of this guidance will require a revision and IRB approval prior to implementation.