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Your IRB Application to project entitled Reproductive Trauma as a Cumulative Trauma with Social Support and Existential Meaning as Protective Factors was reviewed and approved by the UMSL Institutional Review Board according to the terms and conditions described below:

IRB Project Number 2058723
IRB Review Number 318083
Initial Application Approval Date July 29, 2021
IRB Expiration Date July 29, 2022
Level of Review Exempt
Project Status Active - Exempt
Exempt Categories (Revised Common Rule) 45 CFR 46.104d(2)(i)
Risk Level Minimal Risk

Approved Documents
List of mental health resources provided at the end of the study.
Recruitment flyer to be distributed at local fertility clinics.
Demographic and initial questions prior to answering the surveys.
Script for recruitment for the study.
Study consent form.
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Checklist for DSM-V (PCL-V), an instrument for participants in this study.
Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support, an instrument for participants in this study.
Multidimensional Existential Meaning Scale, an instrument for participants in this study.

The principal investigator (PI) is responsible for all aspects and conduct of this study. The PI must comply with the following conditions of the approval:

2. No subjects may be involved in any study procedure prior to the IRB approval date or after the expiration date.
3. All changes must be IRB approved prior to implementation utilizing the Exempt Amendment Form.
4. The Annual Exempt Form must be submitted to the IRB for review and approval at least 30 days prior to the project expiration date to keep the study active or to close it.
5. Maintain all research records for a period of seven years from the project completion date.

If you are offering subject payments and would like more information about research participant payments, please click here to view the UM Policy: [https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/policies/finance/payments_to_research_study_participants](https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/policies/finance/payments_to_research_study_participants)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the UMSL IRB Office at 314-516-5972 or email to irb@umsl.edu.

Thank you,
UMSL Institutional Review Board