Per 45CFR46.117( c ) an IRB may waive the requirement for the investigator to obtain a signed consent form for some or all subjects if it finds either:  
  
(1) That the only record linking the subject and the research would be the consent document and the principal risk would be potential harm resulting from a breach of confidentiality. Each subject will be asked whether the subject wants documentation linking the subject with the research, and the subject's wishes will govern; or  
  
(2) That the research presents no more than minimal risk of harm to subjects and involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context