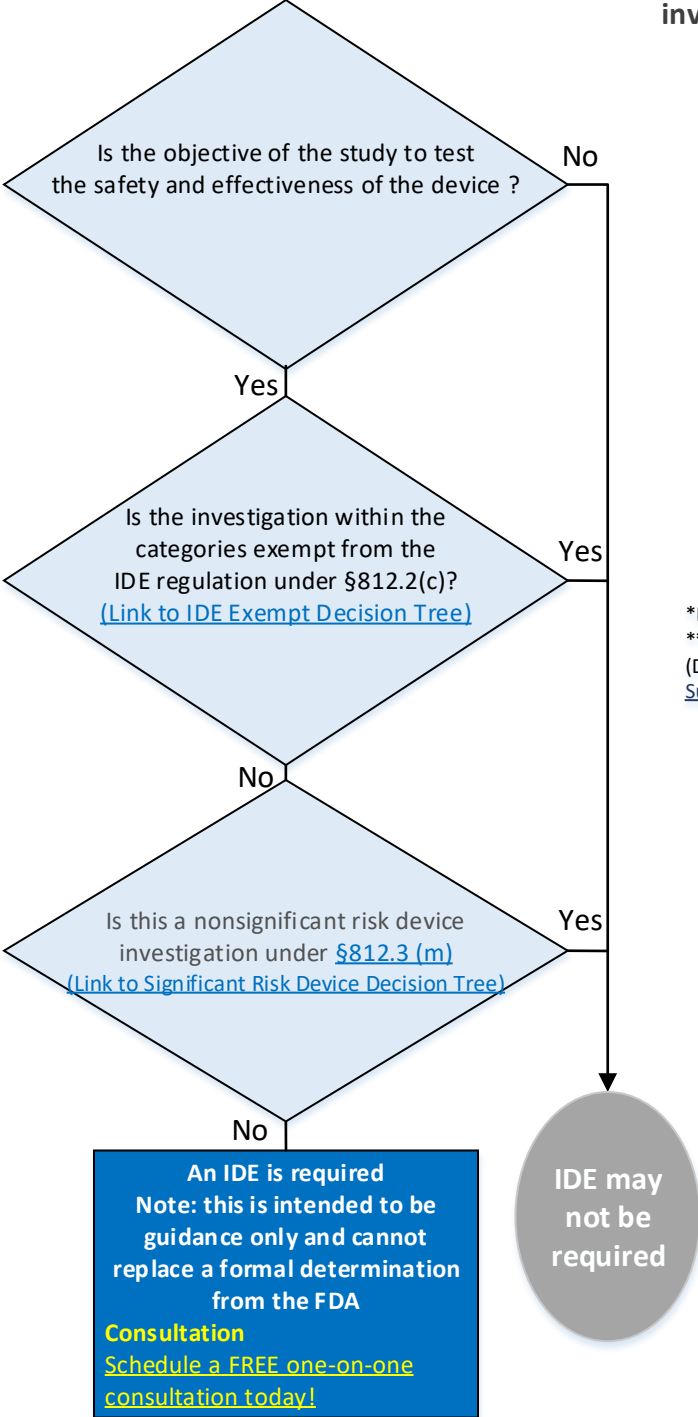


Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Application Quick Guidance

An Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) is a regulatory submission to the FDA that that permits an investigational device to be used in a clinical study in order to collect safety and effectiveness data.

Do I Need an IDE?



Product	Regulatory Oversight Body	Regulatory Pathways	Way to Submit
Device Exempt from IDE	IRB	IRB Approval	Send eCopy** & Cover Letter to CDRH/CBER
Significant Risk (SR) Device Not Exempt from IDE	FDA and IRB	IDE and IRB Approval Required	
Non-Significant Risk(NSR) Device Not Exempt from IDE	IRB	Abbreviated IDE* & IRB Approval Required	

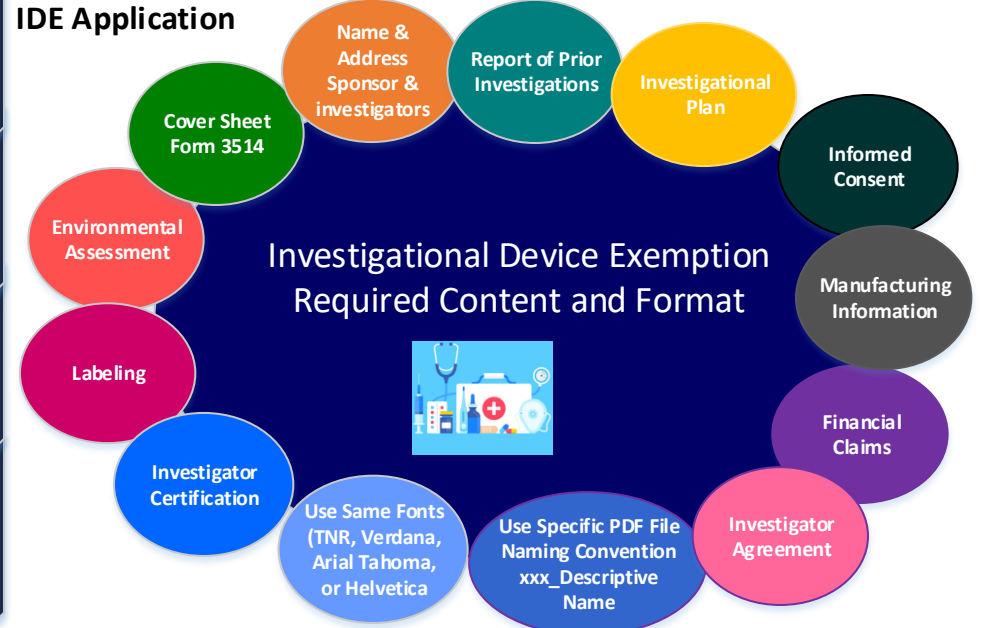
*Refer to [Abbreviated IDE Requirements](#)

**An electronic copy (eCopy) is an electronic version of a medical device submission created and submitted on a compact disc (CD), digital video disc (DVD), or a flash drive. For details on the eCopy program, including the technical standards for eCopies, refer to the [eCopy Program for Medical Device Submission guidance](#) and [eCopy Program for Medical Device Submissions](#)

At a GLANCE

NSR device studies do not need IDE IRB serves as FDA's surrogate for review and approval
FDA Review Phase 30 days for Response
Sponsor will be notified the date FDA receives original application
Possible Responses Approved Approved with condition Staged approval Disapproved

Sponsor-investigator (an individual who initiate and conducts a clinical investigation) must include following information in the IDE Application



Life Cycle of an IDE

