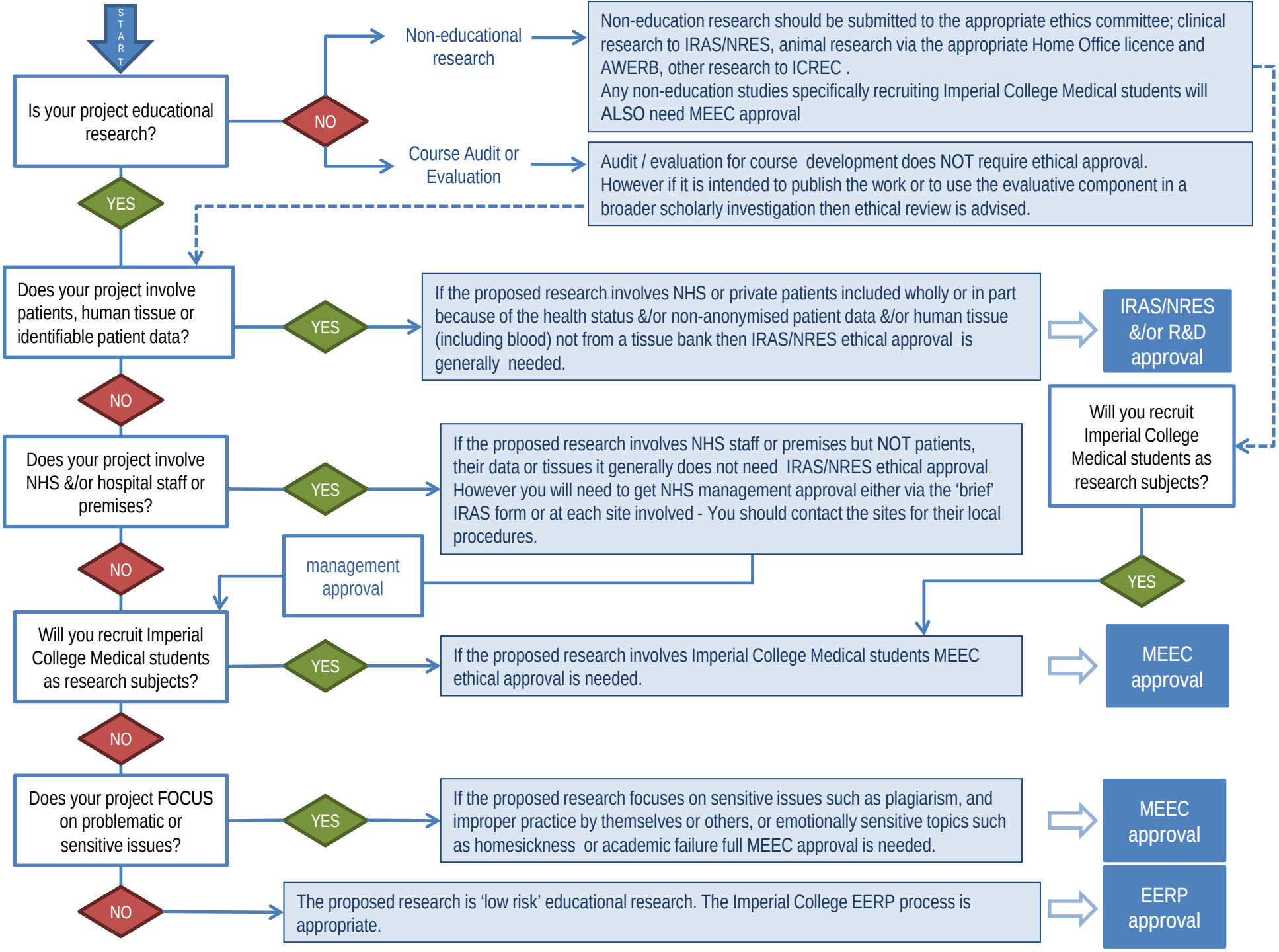
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Is your project educational research?
NO
Non-educational research
Non-education research should be submitted to the appropriate ethics committee; clinical research to IRAS/NRES, animal research via the appropriate Home Office licence and AWERB, other research to ICREC .
Any non-education studies specifically recruiting Imperial College Medical students will ALSO need MEEC approval
Course Audit or Evaluation
Audit / evaluation for course development does NOT require ethical approval.
However if it is intended to publish the work or to use the evaluative component in a broader scholarly investigation then ethical review is advised.
YES
Does your project involve patients, human tissue or identifiable patient data?
YES
If the proposed research involves NHS or private patients included wholly or in part because of the health status &/or non-anonymised patient data &/or human tissue (including blood) not from a tissue bank then IRAS/NRES ethical approval is generally needed.
IRAS/NRES &/or R&D approval
NO
Does your project involve NHS &/or hospital staff or premises?
YES
If the proposed research involves NHS staff or premises but NOT patients, their data or tissues it generally does not need IRAS/NRES ethical approval.
However you will need to get NHS management approval either via the 'brief' IRAS form or at each site involved - You should contact the sites for their local procedures.
Will you recruit Imperial College Medical students as research subjects?
YES
NO
management approval
Will you recruit Imperial College Medical students as research subjects?
YES
If the proposed research involves Imperial College Medical students MEEC ethical approval is needed.
MEEC approval
NO
Does your project FOCUS on problematic or sensitive issues?
YES
If the proposed research focuses on sensitive issues such as plagiarism, and improper practice by themselves or others, or emotionally sensitive topics such as homesickness or academic failure full MEEC approval is needed.
MEEC approval
NO
The proposed research is 'low risk' educational research. The Imperial College EERP process is appropriate.
EERP approval