Things to Consider with Human Subjects and Video/Audio Recording

• In both the IRB submission and consent form, clearly articulate what is being recorded, how it will be recorded, why it is being recorded, and how recordings will be used and stored.
  o For example, will you use recordings for data analysis only or in presentations/publications?

• Discuss the content of what will be on the recordings
  o e.g. if faces will be recorded, how far away the recording device is from participants, are minors involved, etc.

• Discuss how and where the recordings will take place

• Discuss how and where the recordings will be transferred from the recording device

• Discuss if and how the recordings will be transcribed
  o Pay attention to data transfer and security. For example, how will you provide recordings to an external transcriptionist; do you need to use encryption software, etc.?

• Discuss whether or not the recordings will be deleted after a certain period of time, or retained indefinitely. Include this information on the consent form. If there is a potential for future research to be conducted on the recordings, make sure to note that in the consent form as well.

  If participants don’t want to be recorded, what’s your plan? Can they still participate?

• Keep in mind that video recordings are identifiable and cannot be considered anonymous

• Think about all the people who will have access to the recordings. How will they access it, why do they need to access it, do they need to sign a confidentiality agreement?