Interinstitutional Procedure

When Research Involves Activity at UC Irvine and MemorialCare or Children’s Hospital Orange County

Determining the Reviewing IRB

When a research project involves UCI and MemorialCare or CHOC as performance sites, the organizations agree to designate one Reviewing IRB to cover all sites to reduce regulatory burden amongst the regional partners. All three organizations are participants in the SMART IRB initiative. The SMART IRB agreements allow for the IRBs at MemorialCare or CHOC to rely on the IRB at UC Irvine, and vice versa.

The following parameters are used to determine which institution will serve as the single Reviewing IRB. If one parameter is not clear, the next will be used. In order of determination:

1. The institution who is the primary recipient/signatory of an external research award/grant or industry contract;

2. The institution from which the majority of research participants will be recruited and enrolled in the research project;

3. The overall project PI’s home Institution IRB (Note: the Home Institution is where the overall PI is primarily employed or affiliated); or

4. If not clear, the HRP Directors at the respective institutions will work collaboratively to determine whom will be the Reviewing IRB.

More information for researchers with projects across institutions can be found at:

CHOC - https://www.choc.org/research/institutional-review-boards/
CHOC Children’s Office of Research Compliance
714-509-8869 / orc@choc.org

MemorialCare – https://memorialcare.sharepoint.com/sites/Research/
Human Research Protections Program
657-241-3740/ MHSIRB@memorialcare.org

UC Irvine – https://research.uci.edu/compliance/human-research-protections/index.html
Office of Research
949-824-7295 / IRBReliance@uci.edu

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