SINGLE IRB for MULTI-SITE RESEARCH

WHAT
Most NIH grants

WHEN
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PURPOSE
• Maintain high standards for human subjects protections
• Streamline IRB review for multi-site research
• Eliminate duplicative IRB review

DETAILS
• NIH-funded multi-site domestic studies involving non-exempt human subjects research are expected to use a single IRB
• IRB may be awardee, participating site, independent, or central
• Solicitation may describe requirements to meet policy

EXCEPTIONS
• Current awards
• K, T, F awards
• Foreign sites

WHERE
• All human subject research in FORMS-E
• sIRB is an attachment under Section 3 – Protection and Monitoring Plans
• No page limit

HOW
The Single IRB Plan should include the following:
• Name of sIRB of record
• Indicate that:
  o All sites agree to rely on sIRB
  o Sites will sign reliance agreement that will include a communication plan
  o Who will maintain records of this agreement
• Provide information on exceptions (policy-based, time-limited, or compelling justification)

HELP
https://smartirb.org | help@smartirb.org | https://osp.od.nih.gov/clinical-research/irb-review/

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