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**Single IRB (sIRB):
A Tale of Two UCs
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Today's Overview

- UC Davis: sIRB Process
- UC Irvine: sIRB Process & Continuous Improvement

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Single IRB & Reliance

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What is a Single IRB (sIRB)?

- ▶ A designated IRB serves as a reviewing and managing IRB for multiple engaged sites.
- ▶ Allows your IRB to either be the designated IRB or rely on a designated IRB

WHY WOULD I DO THAT?!

- Required by the revised common rule and soon by the FDA
- May reduce administrative burden
- Increased efficiency... if everyone communicates well
- Consistent human subject protections... hope we share the same standards



How Did we Get Here?

- ▶ 21st Century Cures Act 2016 required FDA to Harmonize with DHHS Common Rule.
- ▶ 45 CFR 46.101 ...this policy applies to all research involving human subjects conducted, supported, or otherwise subject to regulation by any Federal department or agency that takes appropriate administrative action to make the policy applicable to such research.
- ▶ Revised Common Rule 2017 45 CFR 46.114 (b) Any institution located in the United States that is engaged in cooperative research must rely upon approval by a single IRB for that portion of the research that is conducted in the United States
- ▶ FDA The proposed rule, if finalized, would require any institution located in the U.S. participating in **FDA-regulated cooperative research** to rely on approval by a single institutional review board (IRB) for that portion of the research that is conducted in the U.S., with some exceptions.



When is sIRB Required?

When funded by one of the 20* Federal agencies that have signed on to the Common Rule

Department of Homeland Security	Department of Education
Department of Agriculture	Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Energy	Environmental Protection Agency
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Commerce	National Science Foundation
Social Security Administration	Department of Transportation
Agency for International Development	Consumer Product Safety Commission
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Department of Labor	Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Defense	Department of Justice (*intends to join)



Who Should Be the Single IRB?

- Primary Awardee
- Human Subject Research
- IRB Expertise
- sIRB for All Sites

UCD as the Reviewing IRB

Study Team
Emails
Reliance
Team

Study-wide
& UCD
Approved

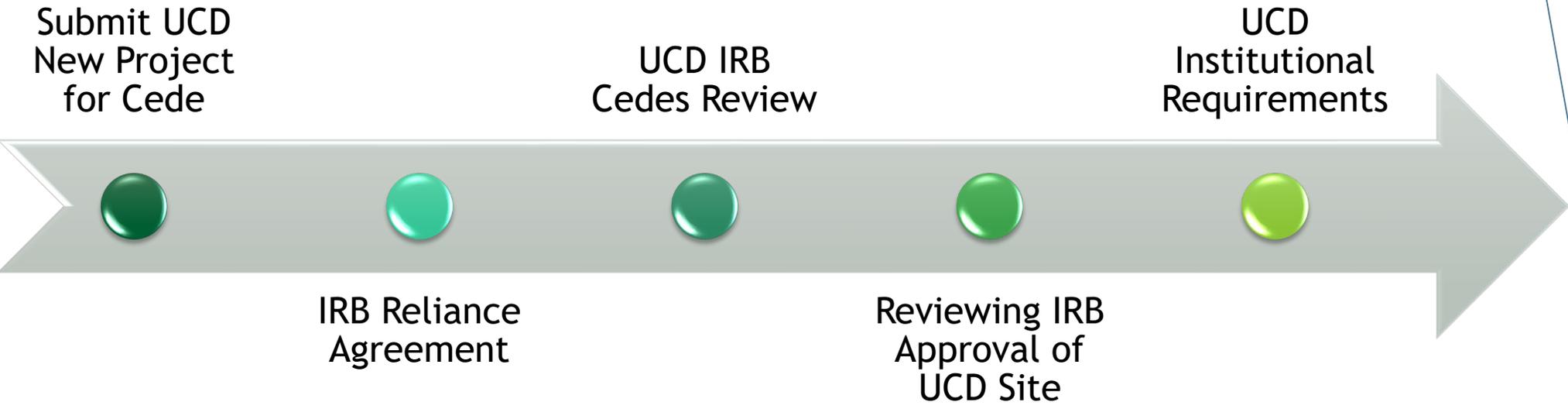
Relying Site
Approved

Reliance
Team
Creates
sIRB
Project

IRB
Reliance
Agreement



UCD as the Relying IRB



What are we signing up for?

- ▶ Reviewing IRB is responsible for reviewing for the criteria for approval, continuations, adverse events, post approval monitoring, modifications closure.
- ▶ Relying institution is responsible for ensuring research team reports to reviewing IRB, may receive all communications or official documents regarding study.



Local Context for UCD

- ▶ California Research Subject Bill of rights
- ▶ Moore clause - intellectual property statement
- ▶ Injury language
- ▶ Electronic signature
- ▶ California statutory requirements - privacy, OTHER?



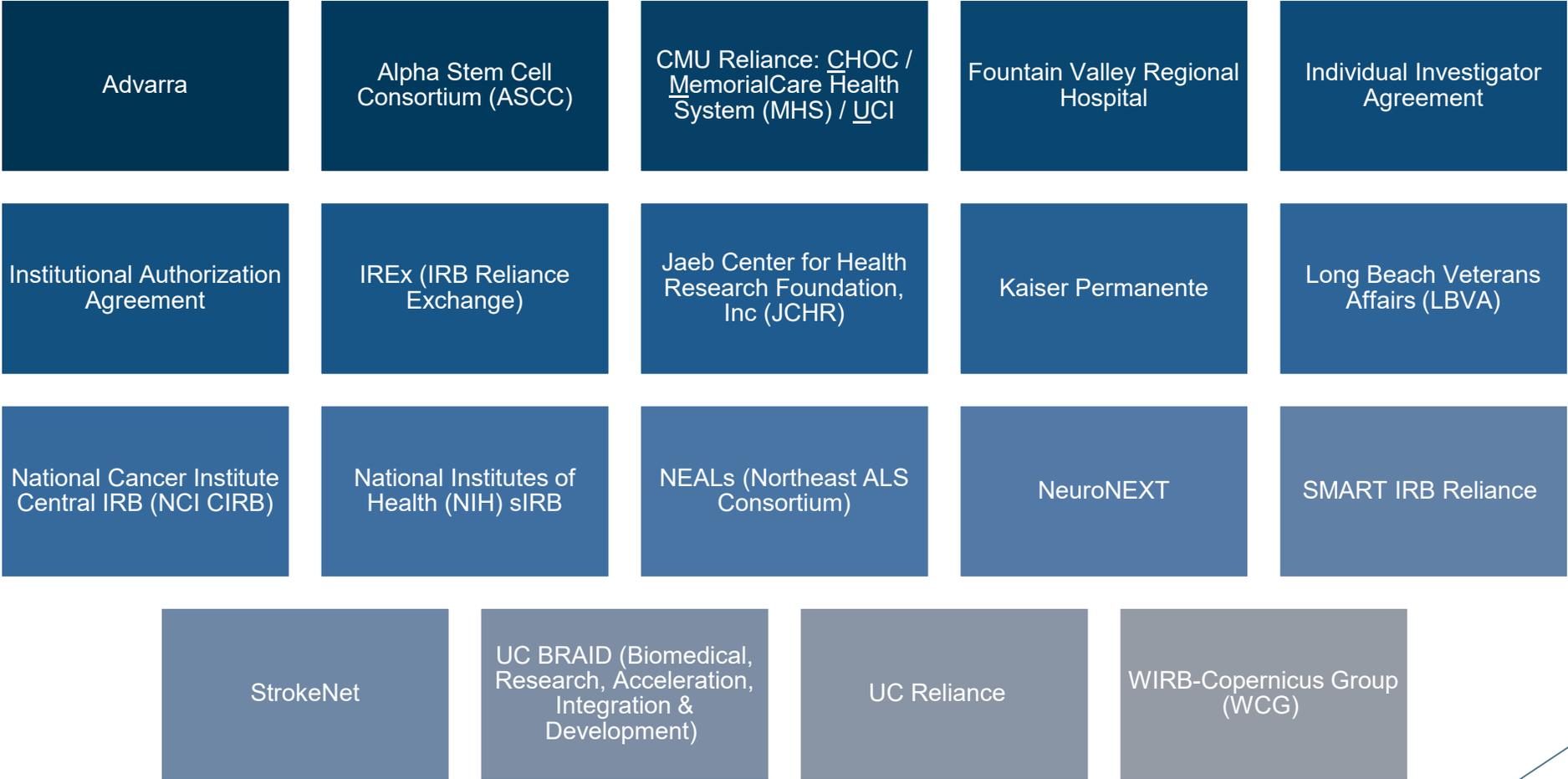
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sIRB Review Process & Continuous Improvement

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Many Agreements & Processes



Streamlined Agreements: UCI as the Reviewing IRB

Implemented 2020

**Long Beach Veterans
Affairs (VA)**

SMART IRB Reliance

- CMU Reliance: CHOC / MemorialCare Health System (MHS) / UCI
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) sIRB
- UC Reliance

**Institutional
Authorization
Agreement**

**Individual Investigator
Agreement**

Streamlined Agreements: UCI as the Relying IRB

Implemented 2020

Jaeb Center for Health Research
Foundation, Inc (JCHR)

Master Service Agreements

- WIRB-Copernicus Group (WCG)
- Advarra

National Cancer Institute Central
IRB (NCI CIRB)

SMART IRB Reliance

- CMU Reliance
- Kaiser Permanente
- HHS/NIH
- NEALs
- NeuroNEXT
- StrokeNet
- UC Reliance
- UC BRAID

Institutional Authorization
Agreement



Review Process: UCI as the Reviewing IRB

Request
Reliance

Draft
Amend

Submit to
Relying
IRB

LOA
Signed by
Relying

Submit
Amend

Pre-
review

IRB
Approval

LOA
Executed

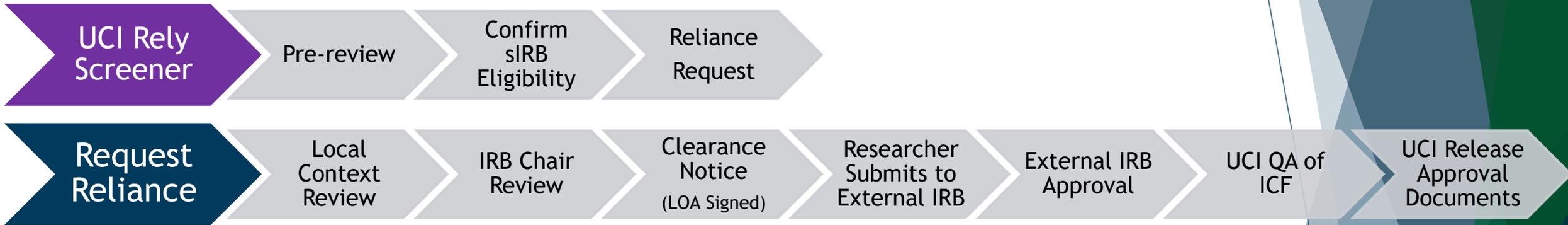
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Communi
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Review Process: UCI as the Relying IRB



Local Context: UCI as the Relying IRB

Personnel

- [LR Eligibility](#)
- [CITI Tutorial](#) Completion
- Sufficient Study Support

Ancillary Committee

- COI
- IBC
- RSC



Study Documents (**consistency is key**)

- Consent Language
- Reliance Agreement

Privacy Board

- HIPAA Waivers

PI Responsibilities: Post UCI Rely

Amendments

- Personnel (UCI [Heat Map](#))
- HIPAA Waivers

Reportable Events

- Determination Letter
- Corrective actions

Renewals

- Renewal Letter
- Study Status
- Subject Complaints
- Reportable Events

Revised Process: UCI as the Relying IRB



Remove subjectivity granting exceptions

Align with FDA Proposed Rule

Streamline review process

UC Campus sIRB Eligibility & Review Process

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Type of Research	Irvine ¹	Davis ²	Los Angeles ²	San Diego ^{2,3}	San Francisco ^{1,2}
Surgical Techniques	No	YES	YES	YES	No
Neonates	No	YES	YES	YES	No
Investigational Devices	YES ⁴	YES	YES	YES	No
Gene Therapy, Transfer	No	YES	YES	YES	No
True Placebo	No ⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES
Investigational Radiological Procedures, Agents	No	YES	YES	YES	No
Disclosable Financial Conflict of Interest	YES ⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES
First in Human	No ⁵	YES	YES	YES ³	No
Phase 1	YES ⁴	YES	YES	YES ³	YES ⁴ , academic IRB No ^{1,5}
Investigator Initiated Trial (IIT)	No ⁵	YES	No	YES	YES ⁴

¹ Chair review

² HRP staff review

³ Medical Director or HRP Director review

⁴ Case-by-case

⁵ Exceptions granted



Streamline: Align Eligibility w/ FDA Proposal

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Regulations or Policy	Exceptions
<p>21 CFR 56.114</p> <p>FDA is proposing new regulatory text at § 56.114(b)(1) to require that any institution located in the United States participating in FDA-regulated cooperative research rely on approval by a single IRB for that portion of the research that is conducted in the United States.</p>	§ 56.114(b)(2)(i) more than single IRB review is required by law
	§ 56.114(b)(2)(ii) research involving a highly specialized FDA-regulated medical product for which unique, localized expertise is required *Rare*
	§ 56.114(b)(2)(iii) research on drugs that is exempt from the requirements for an IND application under § 312.2(b)
	§ 56.114(b)(2)(iv) research on medical devices that meets the abbreviated requirements under § 812.2(b) or requirements for exempted investigations under § 812.2(c)
	UCI POLICY: Investigator Initiated Trials (IITs) that do not meet the above exceptions



Streamline: Align with Other UCs

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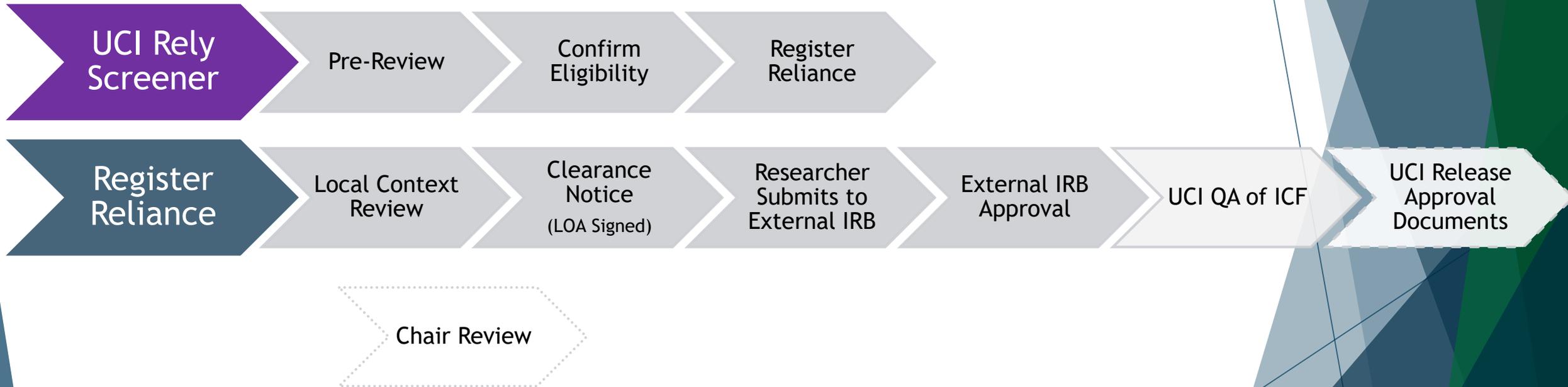
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Streamline: Review Process UCI as the Relying IRB

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