# UCI IRB Review and Approval Timeframe

**Reference:** UCI IRB Review and Approval Timeframe with Other Ancillary Processes and Committees

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<td>Conflict of Interest Oversight Committee (COIOC)</td>
<td>COIOC review is required for new, continuing review and modifications when researcher's report a disclosable financial conflict of interest. Documentation of COIOC review, including the COIOC proposed management plan and consent language (as applicable) must be provided to the IRB / IRB Chair for final review and approval.</td>
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| School of Medicine (SOM) Clinical Research Acceleration and Facilitation Team (CRAFT) | (SOM) CRAFT review is required for all SOM non-cancer, clinical research.  
- Sponsor-initiated research will undergo a feasibility assessment at the time of initial and continuing review.  
- Investigator-initiated research will undergo review for scientific merit and feasibility at the time of initial and continuing review.  
- Studies already reviewed for scientific merit (e.g., industry-sponsored, federal grant-sponsored multi-center) will not require scientific review by CRAFT, except consortium studies where scientific review is required as a condition of consortium participation.  
- Exempt and Expedited level protocols DO NOT require scientific review unless mandated by the IRB Subcommittee. | Concurrent with (SOM) CRAFT | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
| Clinical Research Billing (CRB) / Research Revenue Integrity (RRI) | Obtaining coverage analysis and registration of the research protocol is required and remains the responsibility of the LR prior to initiating any clinical services. The CRB or RRI requirement (CRB may also be referred to as RRI) applies to research protocols involving both minimal risk and greater than minimal risk. | Concurrent with CRB / RRI | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
| Cannabis Research Review Committee (CRRC) | Securing CRRC review for the use of cannabis in research is the responsibility of the LR. CRRC is recommended before clinical research procedures are initiated. CRRC review will assess the feasibility of study conduct and help to ensure compliance related to research involving cannabis. | Concurrent with CRRC | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
| Clinical Engineering (CE) | UCI Clinical Engineering must approve the use of medical equipment in an area that operates under the hospital's license and/or equipment used on the hospital’s patients and research subjects. Securing CE approval is the responsibility of the LR and is required before clinical research procedures can be initiated. | Concurrent with CE | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
| Dual Use Research Committee (DURC) | Securing DURC review is the responsibility of the LR and is recommended before clinical research procedures are initiated. | Concurrent with DURC | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |

Please note as a courtesy HRP Staff may notify the Lead Researcher (LR) / the Research Team if an ancillary process or committee may apply to the research.
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<td>Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)</td>
<td>When using a controlled substance on the Irvine campus, securing EHS review for the security of the substance is the responsibility of the LR and is recommended before clinical research procedures are initiated. Note: For smoking or tobacco use in research, researchers should check in with the EHS Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy Task Force to confirm the research is appropriate.</td>
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<td>Epidemiology and Infection Prevention (EIP)</td>
<td>Securing EIP Committee approval is the responsibility of the LR and is required before clinical research procedures can be initiated. EIP looks to identify research protocols involving humans that need further review by EIP for clearance due to trial of devices or biologic or infectious agents (e.g., live vaccine, probiotic) at UC Irvine Healthcare.</td>
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<td>Export Control Review Process (EXP CTRL)</td>
<td>Securing EXP CTRL review is the responsibility of the LR. EXP CTRL review is recommended as part of considering the feasibility of study conduct and prior to research initiated in countries subject to Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctions (e.g., Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria).</td>
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<td>Human Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (hSCRO)</td>
<td>• Use* of the following human materials: gametes, embryos, adult pluripotent cells, fetal tissue, fetal stem cells, or embryonic stem cells. • Generation of new lines of human pluripotent stem cells • Introduction of human adult pluripotent cells, human fetal tissue, fetal stem cells, or human embryonic stem cells or their neural derivatives into a non-human animal • Transplantation of neural stem cells into humans * (understood as procurement under an IRB-approved research protocol or from a different source, use in purely in-vitro experiments, use as part of genome editing technologies, or for transplantation into animals or humans)</td>
<td>Concurrent with hSCRO</td>
<td>The IRB may grant conditional approval (i.e., &quot;M&quot;) of the protocol pending hSCRO approval. The IRB Chair/ Vice-Chair can review the hSCRO determination. If additional risks or significant consent form revisions are required/suggested, or the IRB Chair / VC have concerns, full board IRB re-review is required. Upon the IRB’s acceptance of the hSCRO approval and the IRB documentation includes the required statements, IRB approval may be released.</td>
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<td>Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)</td>
<td>Any research involving the deliberate transfer of recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids, materials or microorganisms modified using recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids into one or more human research participants must be approved by the UCI IBC. Securing IBC approval for biosafety issues (e.g., blood draws, specimens transferred from clinic to UCI lab, etc.) is the responsibility of the LR and is required before clinical research procedures are initiated. Note: The UC-Irvine Human Gene Transfer Institutional Biosafety Committee (HGT IBC) is being administered by Clinical Biosafety Services (CBS). Researchers should still submit through the UCI IBC, who will coordinate the CBS process.</td>
<td>Concurrent with IBC</td>
<td>The IRB may grant conditional approval (i.e., &quot;M&quot;) of the protocol pending IBC clearance. The IRB Chair / VC can review the IBC determination. If additional risks or significant consent form revisions are required/suggested, or the IRB Chair / VC have concerns, full board IRB re-review is required. Upon the IRB’s acceptance of the IBC approval and the IRB documentation includes the required statements, IRB approval may be released.</td>
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<td>Investigational Drug Service (IDS)</td>
<td>The IDS is a division of the Pharmacy Department that must be consulted in advance of study initiation concerning the storage, handling, and dispensing of investigational drugs, agents, and biologics to assure compliance with all IDS policies and procedures, institutional, State, Federal (FDA) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) requirements. The HRP staff sends the IDS a report bi-monthly to provide an update on the status of pending new and continuing reviews involving clinical investigations. Securing IDS review or consult is the responsibility of the LR and is recommended before clinical research procedures are initiated.</td>
<td>Concurrent with IDS</td>
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Laser Safety Committee (LSC) | Securing LSC review or consult is the responsibility of the LR and is recommended before clinical research procedures are initiated. | Concurrent with LSC | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
OR/Procedural Services Committee | Notifying the OR/Procedural Services Committee is the responsibility of the LR and is required before clinical research procedures can be initiated in the surgical units. | Concurrent with OR/Procedural Services | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
Pathology Clearance (PATH) | Per HRP Policy 15 and the UCIMC Anatomical Pathology/Surgical Pathology - Procedure Number: S-23, all specimens removed from clinic or the operating room must be sent to UCI Health Pathology for review and documentation by a pathologist. | Concurrent with PATH | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (Cancer Center) Protocol Review | Cancer Center review is required (with documentation of clearance) if the following criteria is met:  
- The research is cancer-related* and hypothesis-driven.  
- The research involves interaction with participants, including obtaining consent.  
**Note the following submission timing requirements:**  
- Investigator-initiated studies that are greater than minimal risk require Cancer Center approval prior to IRB submission.  
- NCI National Clinical Trial Network, industry-sponsored studies, and minimal risk studies may be submitted to the Cancer Center and the IRB concurrently.  
* Studies involving participants with cancer, any active intervention (e.g., behavioral or pharmacological) involving cancer or pre-cancerous participants, or participants of a study involving a specific cancer focus (e.g., program evaluations, quality-of-life survey health education, etc.). | Concurrent with Cancer Center Review except when research meets criteria in red | Upon IRB approval of the protocol. |
Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) | All protocols involving radiation exposure to normal subjects and/or clinical human subjects when the exposure is not considered standard-of-care must be referred to the RSC. (Use the flowchart on Page 5 of the Application for Human Subject Research Involving Radiation @ [https://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/radiation/RSCReviewAppGuide.doc](https://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/radiation/RSCReviewAppGuide.doc) to determine level of RSC review. | Concurrent with RSC | If protocol requires RSC subcommittee review, approval documents will be released upon IRB approval. The IRB may grant conditional approval (i.e., “M”) of the protocol pending RSC full board review/approval. The IRB Chair/VC can review the RSC determination. If additional risks or significant consent form revisions are required/suggested, or the IRB Chair/VC have concerns, full board IRB re-review is required. |
### Radioactive Drug Research Committee (RDRC)

Contact HRP Staff

When the research involves radioactive materials, documentation of RDRC review, including RDRC comments and approval is required before the IRB can grant approval.

Alternatively, documentation of an IND from the FDA is required before final IRB approval. Sufficient documentation of an IND include IND letter from FDA or IND number on Sponsor’s Master Protocol, if externally sponsored.

**When Does IRB Review Occur?**

N/A

**When Are IRB-Approved Documents Released?**

Committee currently inactive

### Scientific Review (Statistical Methods) (SR)

Contact HRP Staff

Scientific review clearance for investigator-initiated full committee protocols is required before IRB review may proceed.

Reviewer comments, including scientific review clearance must be provided to the IRB at the time of their review.

Exempt and Expedited level protocols DO NOT require scientific review unless mandated by the IRB Subcommittee.

The IRB Chair or VC may require SR review for significant study modifications.

**When Does IRB Review Occur?**

Hold IRB review for Scientific Review

If minor SR comments proceed with IRB review; include SR comments in memo to LR.

If significant comments, LR must respond to memo and SR re-review prior to IRB review.

**When Are IRB-Approved Documents Released?**

Upon IRB approval of the protocol.