

## IRB EQUIP TIPS

### Registering and Updating a Study on ClinicalTrials.gov

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The Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act (FDAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) [and other entities](#) require registration of certain studies on a publicly accessible website, [ClinicalTrials.gov](#).

**Registration may be required if one (or more) of the following is true:**

- The study is **funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) AND** meets the [NIH definition](#) of a clinical trial
- The study involves **drugs, devices, or biologics** that are [regulated by the Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA)
- There is a plan to **publish the results in a medical journal** AND the study meets the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors ([ICMJE definition of a clinical trial](#))
- If your clinical trial will bill routine costs to [Medicare](#), the study must be registered on ClinicalTrials.gov
- If you have a clinical trial that includes a drug that available via [expanded access](#).
- If your **clinical trial receives funding** from [Department of Defense](#) (check with program Officer), [PCORI](#), [National Cancer Institute](#), [Veterans Affairs](#)

A trial is registered in ClinicalTrials.gov after a new “protocol record” is created and passes QA review in the Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS) for ClinicalTrials.gov. Once a record passes review with the PRS reviewers, it is assigned a clinical trial identifier (NCT#) and registered.

**The following is a quick start users guide** on how to carry out some of the most common functions on ClinicalTrials.gov when registering a study. For a general overview of the registration process and requirements, see the ClinicalTrials.gov page [How to Register Your Study](#).

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**1. How to Obtain a User Account:**

- a. **For PRS access** (if you do not already have an account), please contact Electronic Research Administration: [era@research.uci.edu](mailto:era@research.uci.edu). If you are unsure if your study should be registered, please contact Anu Mathur ([anuradh@uci.edu](mailto:anuradh@uci.edu)). For UCI Cancer Center studies, please contact Michelle Tran ([mdich@hs.uci.edu](mailto:mdich@hs.uci.edu))
- b. Once the account has been created, an email will be sent from ClinicalTrials.gov to the new user with a username, password and instructions for logging in to UCI’s Institutional PRS account
- c. For questions about the **registration process at UCI**, contact the UCI institutional PRS Administrator, Anu Mathur ([anuradh@uci.edu](mailto:anuradh@uci.edu)), IRB EQUIP Administrator (Education and Quality Improvement) and PRS Administrator, or contact PRS staff at [register@clinicaltrials.gov](mailto:register@clinicaltrials.gov).

**2. Logging in for the First Time:**

- a. Go to <https://register.clinicaltrials.gov/> to sign in
- b. **Enter Organization:** UCalifornialrvine
- c. **Enter the username and password** emailed to you by ClinicalTrials.gov

Organization:   
One-word organization name assigned by PRS (sent via email when account was created)

Username:

Password:  [Forgot password](#)

- d. **Change your password** once you log in for the first time
  - i. Go to Accounts > Change password
  - ii. You will receive a temporary password via email

**3. To begin a new PRS Record:**

- a. **Suggestion:** Print or save a copy of the Protocol Data Entry > [Protocol Review Criteria](#) (PDF) for reference. This document provides general guidance for compliant record creation as well as “Hints” detailing specific requirements for completion of key fields in the protocol record.
- b. Under “Quick Links”, select **New Record** or use the quick links to the left-hand side and click on “New Record”:



- c. Complete the “**Create New Record**” initiation screen

**4. Sharing Access to a Study:**

- a. Only one Record Owner can be assigned to a study record, but the Record Owner can allow other users to edit the study record by granting them access.
- b. For UCI Investigator Initiated studies, the Principal Investigator (Lead Researcher) or the responsible Clinical Research Coordinator can be listed as the “Record Owner”. Other study staff requiring PRS access should be listed in the “Access List”.

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Record Status

In Progress → Entry Completed → Approved → Released → PRS Review → Public

Next Step: Finish Protocol section Entry Complete

Record Owner: AMathur

Last Update: 02/08/2022 16:33 by AMathur

Initial Release: [Not yet released]

Access List: [Edit](#)

Upload: Allowed [Edit](#)

PRS Review: [Not yet released]

Public Site: [Not yet registered]

FDAAA: Unknown (insufficient information entered)

5. To Begin Entry of Information For The Record:

- a. "Open" the "Protocol Section":

[Spelling](#) [Preview](#) [Draft Receipt \(PDF RTF\)](#) [Download XML](#) [Delete...](#)

[Open](#) Protocol Section

Identifiers: [NCT ID not yet assigned] Unique Protocol ID: Test Protocol 1 Secondary IDs:

Brief Title: Brief Title (BT)

6. Study Identification Module:

- a. You will be prompted for **Organization’s Unique Protocol ID**. At UCI, the Unique Protocol ID may be entered as the **UCI IRB number (no dashes, same number as in [KRP](#))**. NOTE: For UCI Cancer Center studies, a unique identifier will be included with the IRB number.
- b. Add the brief and official title for your study
- c. if using any acronyms- specify in the "Acronym" section
- d. Select **Continue** to complete the "Create New Record" module, and add information into each module of the protocol record as appropriate to your study.
- e. **Secondary IDs:**
  - i. For grant-funded projects, use the sponsor-issued grant or award number
  - ii. For industry-funded projects, use the sponsor’s protocol ID number
- f. To ensure compliance with the requirements for each data entry field and module, refer frequently to the [Definitions](#) and [Help](#) links at the top of each module.
- g. Under the "Help" menu, go to the QUICK START GUIDE.
- h. Instructional links embedded throughout the PRS will aid users with navigation and record completion.

7. Study Status:

- a. **The Record Verification Date** reflects the last time the PRS record was updated. Revise this date each time the record is verified for accuracy and completeness.
- b. Complete the rest of the required information per guidance in this section:

[Help](#) [Definitions](#)

\* Record Verification Date: Month:  Year:

\* Overall Recruitment Status:   
Before selecting Suspended, Terminated or Withdrawn see the [Overall Recruitment Status definition](#).

Tip: Day is not required for Anticipated dates.

\* § Study Start Date: Month:  Day:  Year:  Type:   
Date study is open for recruitment (Anticipated) or date first participant is enrolled (Actual).

\* Primary Completion Date: Month:  Day:  Year:  Type:   
Final data collection date for primary outcome measure.

\* § Study Completion Date: Month:  Day:  Year:  Type:   
Final data collection date for study.

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- c. If unsure of dates, indicate the date as “anticipated” in the last dropdown under “Type”
- d. If recruitment has begun, specify the “actual” date the first subject was enrolled.

#### 8. Sponsor / Collaborators:

- a. One of the pages that will populate when creating a new record is the “Edit Sponsor/Collaborators” page.
- b. **For all UCI Investigator Initiated studies, the Principal Investigator (Lead Researcher) should be designated as the Responsible Party (RP).**
- c. Under Responsible Party choose “Principal Investigator” (PI)
- d. Select the Investigator name from the drop-down menu (email [era@uci.edu](mailto:era@uci.edu) if the PI does not have a PRS account)
- e. Enter the Investigator’s Official Title
- f. Investigator’s Affiliation should automatically populate to “University of California, Irvine”
- g. Any collaborating sites should be entered under the Collaborators section
- h. Click Continue

#### 9. Oversight:

- a. **U.S. FDA Regulated Drug / Device:** Indicate whether this study involves an FDA-regulated drug, biologic, or device.
- b. **U.S. FDA Regulated Drug / Device:** Indicate whether this study will be conducted with a drug/device product under a U.S. FDA Investigational New Drug (IND) Application or Investigational Device Exemption (IDE).
- c. **Human Subjects Protection Review:** Enter the current status of your [IRB Protocol](#) in KRP (e.g., “submitted, pending” if an application has been submitted but is under review).
- d. Add the following information for the UCI IRB:
  - i. **Board Name:** UCI Human Research Protections
  - ii. **Board Affiliation:** University of California Irvine
  - iii. **Board Contact:** 949-824-6068 (biomedical) or 949-824-2125 (social-behavioral)
  - iv. **Email:** [irb@uci.edu](mailto:irb@uci.edu)
  - v. **Business Address:** 160 Aldrich Hall, Irvine, California, 92697-7600
- e. **Data Monitoring:** Indicate whether a data monitoring committee (board) has been appointed for this study
- f. **Oversight Authorities:** Name each national or international organization with authority over the protocol (e.g. DHHS, FDA, NIH, DOD, DOE, etc.)

#### 10. Record Completion:

- a. Enter all the applicable information regarding the study you are registering in the Study Description”, “Conditions”, “Study Design”, “Arms and Interventions”, “Eligibility” sections, as well as any other applicable sections.
- b. Review and reference [the PRS User’s Guide](#)

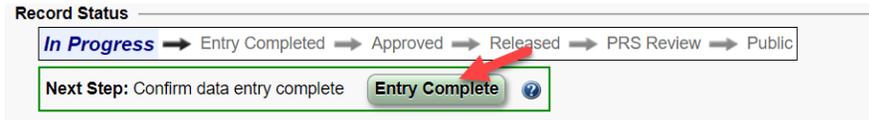
*\*\*Tip: Data is saved as each page is filled in, so that you can “Quit” at any time, saving the record for later completion*

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- c. After filling in the last data entry page, the “Protocol Section” page appears with all of the information provided. Review and “Entry Complete” if all information is complete.



- d. Address any ERROR messages if populated.

11. **Responsible Party: Record Review, Approval, Release:**

- a. If the PI is the responsible party, they will review all entries made by study staff prior to release.
- b. Once the information is confirmed (passed internal review), under “Record Status” – click “Approve”:



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- d. Select “Release” to submit the record to ClinicalTrials.gov. The responsible party confirms their identity, and that the record is up to date, reviewed for accuracy and completeness:



- e. Once released, PRS staff perform final review and processing of the record.
- f. Note: some records may receive **PRS Review Comments that identify major issues** that **must be addressed by the responsible party** before the record will be made available on ClinicalTrials.gov.
- g. Following successful PRS review, records are made available to the public through the ClinicalTrials.gov web site within 2 to 5 days of Release.
- h. The ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier (NCT number) is assigned as part of that process.

**\*\*Please see the IRB EQUIP TIPS guidance document called “[ClinicalTrials.gov Record Review Checklist](#)” which will help address common issues noted by the ClinicalTrials.gov database (PRS) staff prior to public release\*\***

12. **[When / how often must I update ClinicalTrials.gov registration information?](#)**

For clinical trials initiated **on or after January 18, 2017:**

- **Record Verification Date:** Clinical trial registration information must be **updated not less than once every 12 months.**
- **The following elements must be updated 30 days after a change:**
  - **Human Subjects Protection Review Board Status**
  - **Overall Recruitment Status<sup>1</sup>.**
  - **Primary Completion Date**

<sup>1</sup> If Overall Recruitment Status is changed to "suspended," "terminated," or "withdrawn," the Why Study Stopped data element must be submitted at the time the update is made.

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- Study Completion Date
- Responsible Party Contact Information or contact information
- Intervention Name(s)
- Individual Site Status

#### 13. Results Reporting:

- **The Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act (FDAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) require the publication of results** for certain studies on ClinicalTrials.gov (Ct.gov).
  - See [FDAAA 801 and the Final Rule](#) for more information.
  - See [How to Submit Your Results](#) for details.
- The ICMJE Policy recommends results publication but it is not required.
- After a clinical trial has been registered on ClinicalTrials.gov **and the study is completed**, the Responsible Party must publish the results on ClinicalTrials.gov.
- Submission of results information is required **no later than 12 months after the Primary Completion Date (the last subject last visit)** of the clinical trial, which is defined as the date of final data collection for the primary outcome measure.

#### 14. Posting the Consent Form:

- **WHICH STUDIES?**
  - All **clinical trials** funded by **an agency that has signed onto the Common Rule**
    - initially approved on or after **January 21, 2019**
    - **OR** that transitioned to the **2018 Common Rule Requirements (45 CFR 46.101(l))** and the transition determination was documented and dated by the IRB before the **trial is closed to recruitment** and 60 or fewer days before the last protocol-required study visit by any subject enrolled in the protocol.
  - Please see OHRP "[The Informed Consent Posting Requirement](#)" PowerPoint for details.
- **WHAT?**
  - **One IRB-approved consent form** used to enroll subjects
  - Even if multiple versions were approved by the IRB, only one must be uploaded.
- **WHEN?**
  - After the clinical trial is **closed to recruitment**, and **no later than 60 days after the last study visit by any subject**, as required by the protocol. *NOTE: Per OHRP a Consent Form uploaded prior to the specified timeframe will not meet the regulatory criteria.*
- **WHERE?**
  - Two federal websites have been identified as satisfying 45 CFR 46.116(h): [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) and a designated docket folder on Regulations.gov (Docket ID: [HHS-OPHS-2018-0021](#)).
- **HOW?**
  - HHS - [Informed Consent Posting Instructions](#)