FAST FACTS

Human Research Protections
Office of Research

Research involving human subjects must undergo prospective Review by the IRB. The IRB is charged with protecting the safety and welfare of human research subjects and ensuring compliance with federal agencies, state laws and UC/UCI policies. UCI holds an active Federalwide Assurance of Compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services. The UCI FWA is 00004071. The IRB is also registered as required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The UCI IORG is 0000236.

The UCI IRB is accredited through the Consortium for Applied Research Ethics Quality (Care-Q), a collaboration between all UC campuses and Stanford. UCI was the first site to be a fully accredited via the Care-Q process.

There are five IRBs at UCI that handle all types of research; biomedical, social-behavioral and educational, non-compliance and an urgent IRB for critical reviews of patient care where prospective IRB review is required. UCI allows for the use of commercial IRBs, as well as reliance on other, non-UCI IRBs.

To ensure basic institutional issues are addressed all human subject research must submit through the UCI IRB first, regardless of the requested IRB of record.

IRB Members are appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Research who is the UCI Official responsible for the human research protections program. Some HRP Staff are also IRB members. The IRB Member Rosters and the most commonly requested information by study sponsors are all available on the HRP web page.