

External Reliance

(MUSC relies on another institution's IRB
as the IRB of Record)

Medical University of South Carolina

Reliance Intake Form

MUSC must review all requests for MUSC to rely on another institution's IRB. Requests can be submitted by study teams at two time points:

1. During the planning stage of the study, i.e. study teams are preparing a grant submission or have been awarded funds
2. When studies are ready to be submitted to eIRB for IRB review

Study teams will submit a Reliance Intake Form via a [REDCap Survey](#) to be reviewed by the IRB Reliance Manager.

IRB Review Request Smartform

A Reliance application is created when the “Study Identification- IRB Review Request- v2” smartform is completed in the following way:

1.0 Is this a request for a single IRB Review?: **NO** (MUSC will not serve as the IRB of record)

2.0 Is this a request for your local IRB to rely on another IRB?: **YES** (MUSC will rely on an external IRB)

▼ 1 - Study Identification

Study Identification - Study Identification

Study Identification - Institutional Review Board

Study Identification - IRB Review Request - v2

Study Identification - MUSC IRB Selection

Study Identification - Converted Study

Study Identification - Study Personnel (Institution Specific)

Study Identification - eIRB Communication Coordinators

Study Identification - Study Sites - sIRB

▼ 2 - Human Subjects Research

Human Subjects Research

▼ 3 - Training

Training - CITI Training Records

IRB Review Request for Multi-site Studies

The **Reviewing IRB** is the IRB with the primary responsibility for reviewing a study. The single IRB (sIRB) funded studies that involve multiple institutions to use a single IRB to accomplish IRB review and approval for all participating sites. **If you are requesting one of these this page.**

Effective Date: January 20, 2020

Applies to: Federally funded cooperative research projects receiving initial IRB approval on or after January 20, 2020. This pertains to studies that involve more than one human subject research activities.

Reviewing IRB: Will be identified by the Federal department or agency supporting or conducting the research or proposed by the lead institution (subject to the acceptance of the IRB of record).

IRB OF RECORD IS YOUR INTERNAL IRB

Single IRB (sIRB) Review (multi-site research reviewed by one IRB)

The institution that allows this in eIRB is MUSC & USC.

1.0 * Is this a request for a single IRB review?

Has your local IRB agreed to serve as the IRB of record for a multi-site study and at least 1 of those relying sites will have its own principal investigator.

Be sure to contact your local IRB and confirm they have agreed to serve as the IRB of record.

☒ Yes ☐ No

IRB OF RECORD IS ANOTHER IRB

External IRB Review

2.0 External IRB Review means that your local/internal IRB has agreed to rely on another IRB for IRB review

* Is this a request for your local IRB to rely on another IRB?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to contact your local IRB to assure that appropriate authorization agreements have been or will be executed.

Study Identification – External Documentation Smartform

1.0 – Enter the reviewing IRB.

2.0 – Contains the most up to date version of the study protocol.

3.0 – Contains the most up to date version of the ICF(s) template from the sponsor

- **No edits should be made to the documents in this section.**
- If there are multiple templates (Main ICF, Optional ICF, Assents, etc.), all templates will be uploaded here.

External IRB Documentation

1.0 External IRB of Record

Name

There are no items to display


1.1 Other External IRB of Record

If External IRB of Record is not in the above list, enter name here:

Advarra



2.0 Provide a copy of the current External IRB Protocol

* Click the Add button to upload document(s): ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
 M1095-HS-301 Protocol v2.0 01Mar2024_signed.docx (1).pdf(0.01)	...	0.01	Alyson Winter	5/30/2024 3:52 PM	5/30/2024 3:52 PM

3.0 Provide a copy of the current External IRB issued template consent document(s)

* Click the Add button to upload document(s): ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
 2-03_M1095-HS-301_6016-0006_US Advarra PP ICF v1.0 03Apr2024_to IRB_CLEAN.docx(0.01)	...	0.01	Alyson Winter	5/30/2024 3:52 PM	5/30/2024 3:52 PM
 Master ICF Pro00077685 Apr1024.docx(0.01)	...	0.01	Alyson Winter	5/30/2024 3:52 PM	5/30/2024 3:52 PM

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4.0 – All relevant approval letters from the external IRB will be uploaded here.


- Must show the version numbers/dates

5.0 – Upload IRB minutes if the sponsors/external IRB provides them.

- This section is not required.

4.0 Approval Letters

Click the Add button to upload Approval Letters: ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
 Sponsor Protocol Initial Approval with Modifications Notice Pro00077685 Apr1224.pdf(0.01)	...	0.01	Alyson Winter	5/30/2024 3:51 PM	5/30/2024 3:51 PM

5.0 Approved Full Board Minutes from External IRB

Click the Add button to upload Full Board Minutes: ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
There are no items to display					

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6.0 – Upload ICF with
local context

7.0 – If there is a
separate HIPAA
Authorization, upload it
here.



- Most ICFs have the
HIPAA embedded in
them.

6.0 Upload the local site Consent form(s), as applicable (the site specific document used to consent research participants)

Template

<https://research.musc.edu/resources/ori/irb/forms>

Click the Add button to upload a copy of the consent form(s), including translated versions for this research study: ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
 1-19_M1095-HS-301_6016-0006_US_Advarra_WineLee_Site 6-11115_Main ICF_CSR edits CLEAN 10.21.24.docx(0.03)	...	0.03	Alyson Winter	9/3/2024 2:32 PM	10/21/2024 1:43 PM
 2-09_M1095-HS-301_6016-0006_US_Advarra_WineLee_Site 6-11115_PP ICF_CSR edits CLEAN 10.21.24.docx(0.03)	...	0.03	Alyson Winter	9/3/2024 2:32 PM	10/21/2024 1:43 PM

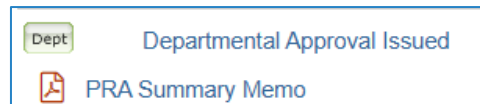
7.0 Upload HIPAA Research Authorization Form

Click the Add button to upload HIPAA Research Authorization Form: ?

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There are no items to display					

Required MUSC Local Context Language

1. “Medical University of South Carolina” at the top of the form
2. Source of Funding for the study
3. Conflict of Interest Language
4. Legal documentation of the Medical Record
5. Genetic Research risks
6. Infectious Disease reporting requirements
7. Payment to Participants Language
8. Costs to Participants
 - If the study has costs, the required language will be provided by the OCR-PRA committee in a memo that is uploaded in the eIRB history section. The language must match the memo exactly.
8. Injury Compensation Language
 - Sponsoring companies often request that their own wording be used for treatment and compensation for study related injuries. For industry sponsored trials, this language must match what is in the contract. The process for this is explained on slides 22 and 23.
9. HIPAA Authorization to Use and Disclose (Release) Medical Information
10. Optional Research Language
11. Student/Employee Participation
12. MUSC Standard Paragraphs
 - These cannot be altered in any way without prior approval from general counsel



Study Identification – External Documentation Smartform

8.0 – The Reliance
Manager will upload
the Reliance
Agreement here.

- Letter of
Acknowledgement

9.0 – Upload any
other relevant
documents here

8.0 Reliance Agreement(s)

Click the Add button to upload Reliance Agreements: ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
 Letter_of_Acknowledgementandterms-advarra- Wine Lee Pro00137663.docx(0.01)	...	0.01	Monica Baczo	10/24/2024 12:39 PM	10/24/2024 12:39 PM

9.0 Other Documents

Click the Add button to upload document(s): ?

Name	Description	Version	Orig. Author	Orig. Created	Last Modified
There are no items to display					

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- This smartform does not need to contain questionnaires, advertisements, recruitment materials, drug brochures, IND/IDE letters, etc.
- These documents, if applicable, will be uploaded to their respective smartforms later in the application based on the selections made on the Application checklist.

Steps to Approval!

STEP 1: Reliance Manager will upload the Reliance Agreement to the application (8.0 – External Documents Smartform)

STEP 2: The study team will receive the Initial Concurrence of Reliance Letter informing them:

- That the study has been reviewed for local requirements, the reliance agreement has been executed, and the study is authorized to be submitted to the external IRB
- That Enrollment may not begin at MUSC until external IRB approval is issued, and the approval letter and documents are uploaded to the MUSC eIRB application
- Of the roles and responsibilities of the institutions involved in the agreement.
- The state of your study will be **“Reliance Acknowledged, Pending Activation”**

STEP 3: Submit the application to the external IRB. Nothing else at MUSC can be done until the external IRB approves MUSC as a relying site.



Steps to Approval!

STEP 4: Once the external IRB has approved the study, return to the MUSC eIRB application and upload the following documents into the External Documents Smartform and submit the application back to the MUSC IRB

- MUSC site specific approval letter from the external IRB in section 4.0 (in addition to the other letters already uploaded)
- Approved/stamped ICF(s) from the external IRB in section 6.0 (replacing any previous versions)
- The state of your study will be **“IRB Staff Reliance Activation Review”**

STEP 5: The study team will receive the Final Concurrence Letter

- The local IRB review is now complete, the study has

