Collaboration Between Purdue and IU IRBs

**Purpose:** These guidelines are intended to provide general guidance about working with the IU and Purdue IRBs under the Human Subjects in Research Cooperative Agreement. Any questions should be directed to the local institution’s human research protection program. At IU, please contact Amy Waltz, Research Compliance Administration, at acthurst@iupui.edu or 317-278-5431. At Purdue, please contact Kristine Hershberger, Human Research Protection Program at kh@purdue.edu or 765-494-8340.

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I. **CHOOSING AN IRB**

The following rules apply when determining which institution’s IRB should serve as the IRB of Record (the IRB responsible for reviewing the research on behalf of both institutions):

- **Home IRB.** In general, the investigator’s home institution’s IRB should review the protocol. Purdue Pharmacy investigators conducting research at IU facilities will submit all protocols to the IU IRBs.

- **Collaborative research.** When research is collaborative between IU and Purdue, or when research will be conducted (data and/or participants will be accrued, studied, or evaluated) at both institutions, investigators may submit a Request for Deferral asking that review be deferred to one institution’s IRB. Under some circumstances, both institutions may request to review the research.

- **Research at a Clarian facility.** If any portion of the collaborative research will be conducted at an IU facility (with the exception of Indiana University Health Arnett), an IU IRB must serve as an IRB of Record and an IRB application must be submitted to the IU IRBs. The investigator may submit a Request for Deferral asking that review be deferred to one institution’s IRB; however, under some circumstances, both institutions may request to review the research. Research conducted by Purdue University investigators at Indiana University Health Arnett must be reviewed by a Purdue IRB.

- **Exclusive research.** If the research will be exclusively conducted at only one institution, that institution’s IRB will serve as the IRB of Record.

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II. **REQUESTING DEFERRAL TO ONE IRB**

As noted above, when research is collaborative between IU and Purdue, or when research will be conducted at both institutions, investigators may request that the IRB of one institution defer IRB review to the other in order to avoid dual review by both institutions. In order to request such a deferral, investigators should complete the Request for Deferral form and submit it to the institution which the investigator believes should not serve as the IRB of Record (Deferring Institution). The Deferring Institution will determine whether or not deferral is appropriate.
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If deferral is appropriate, the Deferring Institution will contact the proposed IRB of Record for completion of the Request for Deferral form. The Request for Deferral form will be signed by both institutions and returned to the investigator. A signed copy of the Request for Deferral form should be submitted to the IRB of Record with the application documents and will be kept on file at both institutions.

The Chair of the Deferring IRB (the IRB not chosen as the IRB of Record) may, if he or she chooses, designate an IRB member to serve as a consultant to the IRB of Record during review of the research.