



# UC DAVIS OFFICE OF RESEARCH

## Reviewing International Research

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# Expectations

UC Davis Researchers who wish to conduct human subjects research in countries outside the United States or its territories must obtain approval from the host country's IRB/ethics committee and from the UC Davis IRB



# Expectations

## UC Davis Requirements:

- Greater than minimal risk research, the IRB requires a copy of the local IRB/ethics committee approval (or equivalent) before approving the research.
- No more than minimal risk research, the IRB adds an administrative requirement to the approval letter stating that the researcher may not begin the research until the local IRB/ethics committee (or equivalent) approves the research.
- ❖ *If there is no collaboration and/or ethics review in the foreign country, the IRB uses local 'officials' and/or representatives to provide the local approval.*

# Expectations

- ✓ The standards for human subjects protection are no less than those that apply to US-based research.
- ✓ For clinical trials, we apply the "International Conference on Harmonization – Good Clinical Practice (E6)" Guidance



# Protocol Template Locations

## During the Review – What to Look For and Where

### Question 20: Multi-Site Research

If this is a multi-site study where you are the lead investigator, describe the process to ensure communication among sites, such as:

- All required approvals have been obtained at each site (including approval by the site's IRB of record).

# Protocol Template Locations

## During the Review – What to Look For and Where

### Question 23: Setting

Describe the sites or locations where your research team will conduct the research.

- For research conducted outside of the organization and its affiliates describe:
  - Site-specific regulations or customs affecting the research for research outside the organization.
  - Local scientific and ethical review structure outside the organization.

# Protocol Template Locations

## During the Review – What to Look For and Where

### Question 24: Resources Available

Describe your staff by roles. Describe the qualifications required to perform each role. **When applicable describe their knowledge of the local study sites, culture, and society.**



# Topics to Consider

## During the Review

1. Cultural differences that influence study design and the consent process
2. The rationale for conducting the study with an international population.
3. A description of the host country's ethics review and oversight mechanism for participant protection.



# Resources

- OHRP's International Compilation of Human Research Standards
- ICH Guideline for Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
- World Medical Association
- International Association of Bioethics

# Program Evaluation

- This process will be evaluated by our RCI Analyst in 6-9 months (based on volume) to ensure all procedures are being followed, and to make any changes, as necessary.

# Questions?





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