

Ceding Oversight to a Non-UCA IRB

For expedited and exempt protocols, UCA affiliates collaborating with researchers at other institutions may request that the UCA IRB cede oversight to another institution by submitting that institution's *approved* final protocol, along with the approval letter. Our UCA IRB Chair and Research Compliance Officer will determine whether the approved protocol meets our institutional policies and requisite human subjects protections. If so, the UCA IRB will formally cede oversight to the approving institution, and the UCA affiliate will not need to go through further UCA IRB review for this [research](#) protocol.

However, because different institutions have different thresholds for determining review levels, a protocol determined to be exempt by one institution may require a higher review level at another (or vice versa). In some cases, the UCA IRB may require the UCA affiliate to submit the protocol as an independent submission to the UCA IRB.

When planning any collaborative research with individuals at other institutions, you should consult with the IRB early in the process.

Note: no UCA affiliate may engage in any aspect of a study until receiving written documentation from the UCA IRB regarding ceding oversight.