IRB

IRB Services for Institutional Sites

Reliable, timely review services supported by broad therapeutic and regulatory expertise

More than 3,500 institutions, hospitals, health systems, and academic medical centers trust Advarra® to help ensure compliant research. Advarra can serve as your partner for everything from single investigational sites to multisite research consortia and therapeutic networks.

The Advarra Institutional Advantage

Advarra's utmost focus is on review quality. An expert team works with your institution to make sure human subject protection issues are considered appropriately, and that proper levels of subject matter expertise are dedicated to study reviews.

Experienced, dedicated team

Advarra's dedicated institutions team works closely with clients to understand and accommodate local requirements. Team members have previous work experience with local IRBs and institutional research programs.

sIRB ready

Experienced in reviewing federally funded research, we provide customized support and tools to help researchers comply with federal sIRB mandates.

Deep therapeutic expertise

Advarra's IRB has expertise across all major therapeutic areas, including dedicated panels specializing in oncology and neurology.

Beyond the basics

We provide a variety of customizable training options for investigators and research support staff. We also offer IBC review services, consulting, and interim staffing support to meet research administration and HRP/IRB needs.

IRB reliance network support

As a member of the SMART IRB and IRB Reliance Exchange networks, Advarra offers flexible options for relying institutions.

Transparent processes and real-time access

With web-based technologies that are available anytime, you can log in to view projects and plan ahead.

Turnaround Times

Advarra is committed to getting your trial started on time and helping you reach critical study milestones quickly.

Review item	Submission to review
New protocol and initial informed consent for multisite studies (full board review)	4-5 business days
New site for a multisite study	1-2 business days

**Special institutional requirements may increase timelines.*

Please note: Turnaround time is dependent upon complete and accurate submission of study documents. Any follow up requiring a response may extend this turnaround time.

Getting Started Is Easy

Once the deferral is in place, Advarra works with your institutional leadership to accommodate local requirements and train your teams on our processes. From there, your research teams are ready to submit materials for review.

Why Work With an External IRB?

Consistent human subject protections for multisite studies

When all sites rely on the same IRB in a multisite trial, consistency of study information and activities is enhanced for study participants. The single IRB also has a better understanding of potential safety issues when it receives reports from all participating sites.

Increased research opportunities

Working with an external IRB helps make research programs more visible to industry sponsors, increasing opportunities to conduct industry-sponsored research.

Federal sIRB mandates

NIH requires all multisite studies funded by the agency to use a single IRB (sIRB). The revised Common Rule also requires sIRB review for federally funded multisite research, and the FDA has recommended centralized IRB review for years.

More efficient IRB review

Independent IRBs have dedicated staff and processes to support a more efficient and reliable review process. At Advarra, we have full board meetings every day of the week, and IRB members conduct expedited reviews daily.