Reviewing IRB Decision Tree
Scenarios for determining which partner IRB should perform review

**Both** Prime Grantee Institution *and* Location where most contact with research participants occurs

- If the Institution meets both criteria, it will most likely serve as the Reviewing IRB

**The** Prime Grantee Institution *but not* Location where most contact with research participants occurs

- Call your IRB for consultation to determine the Reviewing IRB

**Not** Prime Grantee Institution *but* Location where most contact with research participants occurs

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**Other points to consider when determining which IRB should provide review:**

1. Is the PI able to provide appropriate coordination and oversight of the conduct of this study at all sites?
2. Is the reviewing institution AAHRPP accredited? If not, then what policies and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with federal regulations, state and local laws and University policies?
3. What is the primary appointment and affiliation (e.g., scope of employment, clinical privileges) of the PI at the reviewing institution?
4. What is the level of risk involved in the study procedures being performed at each site? (Could study require full committee review or does it qualify for expedited review?)
5. Which IRB has the most appropriate expertise to conduct the review?

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**Important note:** Each Institution’s HRPP will have final decision making authority as to whether it will serve as IRB of record or rely on another IRB.