

Updated Process for MCW as sIRB Submissions in eBridge Effective November 1, 2020

An updated process for eBridge submissions when MCW is serving as the single IRB takes effect Nov. 1, 2020. This updated process applies to new projects in eBridge where MCW will be serving as the single IRB of record for a multi-site research project. The method to request that MCW serve as single IRB for a project and to request a quote or letter of support will remain the same. However, effective Nov. 1, the MCW PI and study team will now be required to submit the protocol and details for only local MCW/FH/Versiti involvement for initial IRB approval. Relying external sites will be added after initial approval via subsequent amendments, as reliance agreements finalize. Teams may submit more than one relying site per amendment. This will allow for a timely initial IRB approval while reliance agreement negotiation is ongoing and will allow for IRB reviewers to focus on local context implications and individual site requirements with each amendment. Detailed guidance documents for this updated process will be sent out with new requests to have MCW serve as single IRB. Questions about this process can be directed to MCWIRBReliance@mcw.edu.