

Effective, June 20, 2020 Reliance requests to rely on an external IRB will now be submitted and processed through eBridge.

A new pathway for reliance on an external IRB has been created in eBridge. This pathway will serve as a single point in the PRO SmartForm for MCW research teams to submit a reliance request. This will replace every component of the existing paper reliance request process.

This includes:

- Enhancing the PRO SmartForm to identify all types of reliance on another IRB including Commercial IRBs, CTSI Partner IRBs (including Children's Wisconsin, Marquette University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee), National Cancer Institute (NCI) CIRB, National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) IRB and other institutional IRBs.
- Implementing a trackable and transparent reliance acceptance process. Which includes new workflow functionality for the Reliance Team, a new Reliance Dashboard, and a process to manage, report and record reportable events, automatically check MCW personnel training, submit local changes, and report and record project closures.
- Creating meaningful states within the reliance review process to allow research teams to easily understand the phases of the reliance review process and see the current status of a request.
- Including the review by MCW ancillary Committees (Cancer Center Scientific Review Committee, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Research MRI safety, Radiation Safety Committee, etc.), if required.
- Adding the ability in eBridge to grant and document a HIPAA waiver for recruitment or for the entire study, if required.
- Adding an activity to request permission to rely on a Commercial IRB.

**Additionally, the following changes were made to the PRO SmartForm for all project types and review pathways**

Section 3 –

3.1 – A new choice, “Research Project requesting reliance on another IRB” was added.

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Section 7 - New questions for multi-site projects where the protocol is being implemented differently at each site were added.

Section 12 - Minors question 1.0 was relocated to 12.0.

Section 12 - New minors’ questions were added including the percentage of minors to participate in the project.