

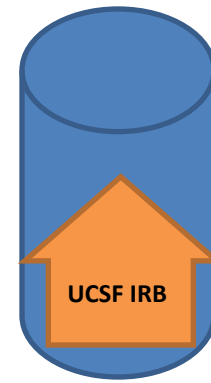
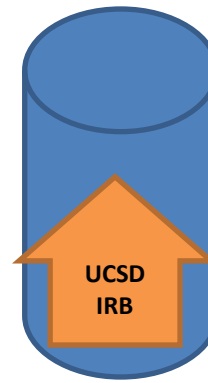
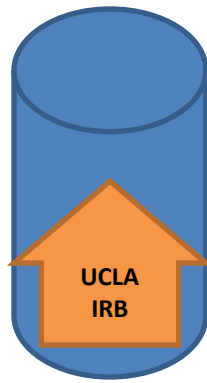
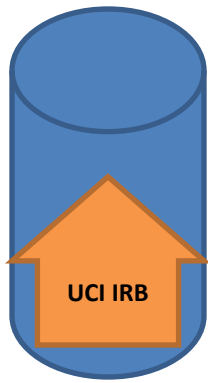
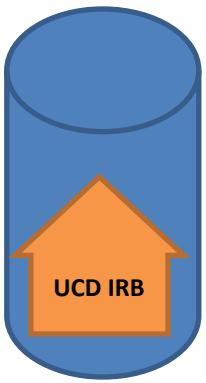
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## **Proof of Concept**

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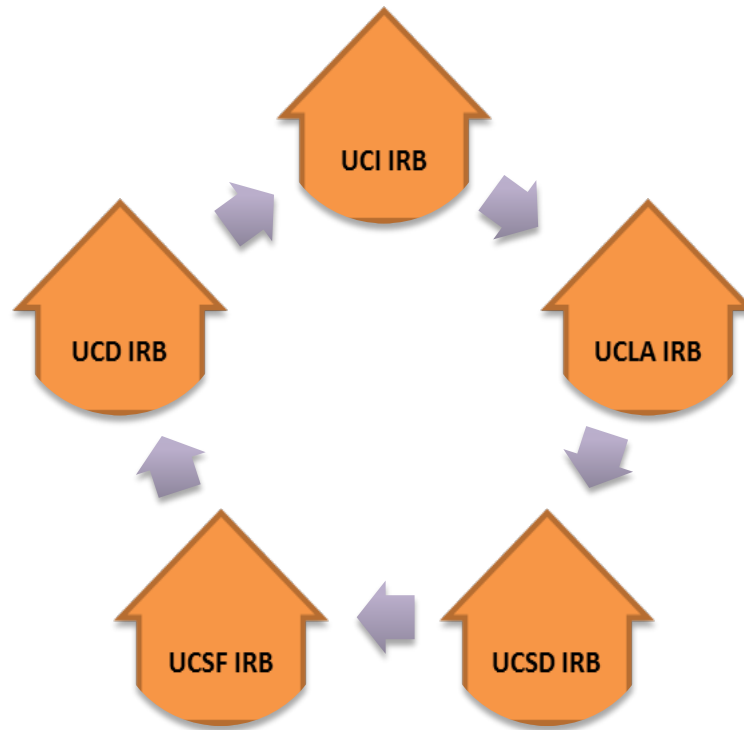
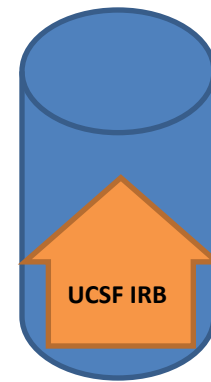
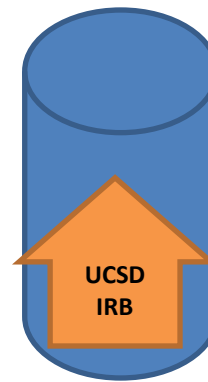
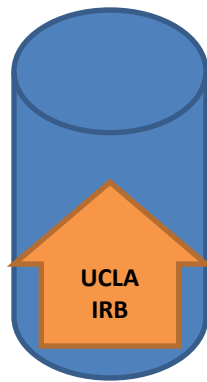
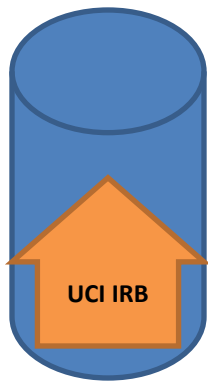
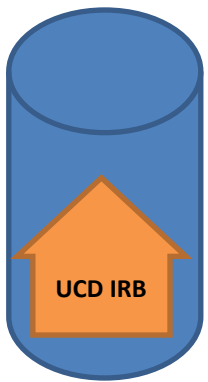
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# Background

- Changing landscape to central review
- Increased attention to clinical research administration performance
  - Patients
  - NIH
  - Local institutions
  - Industry partners

# UCRS Project

## Goals

- enhance the “UC Memorandum of Understanding for Multi-campus Research”
- expand its use in clinical research
- eliminate duplicative IRB reviews, achieving efficiencies and improving study activation times

# UCRS Project

## Approach

- Provide central administrative support to facilitate IRB reciprocity approvals for **industry sponsored/industry authored** clinical trials
  - Reduce burden on PIs and research staffs
  - Reduce burden on local IRB offices

# UCRS Timeline

**Campus visits & baseline assessment**

**Dec. – Feb. 2013**

**Proposed project at IRB Directors' Meeting**

**Feb. 2013**

**First reliance initiated**

**March 2013**

**Reliance 2-5 initiated**

**Apr. – Oct. 2013**

# UCRS Project

## What we did

- Visited campuses for initial discovery of their reliance processes
- Assessed individual campus processes
- Developed standardized forms, processes
- Engaged campus partners
- Facilitated five studies across all 5 campuses



# UCRS Central Coordination



# UCRS Project

How long they took (n=4)

Median days between learning of study and initial contact with PI	Median days between initial contact with PI and reliance approval	Median overall approval time
<b>17 days (SD: 6.99)</b>	<b>12.5 days (SD: 7.62)</b>	<b>29 days (SD: 13.96)</b>

# Opportunities

- Identifying studies
- PI independence
- Harmonized processes
  - Required documentation and steps
  - Definitions
  - Communication with campus departments and ancillary committees, including budget, billing, coverage analysis

# The Optimistic Future

- Searchable database of approved studies across all five campuses
- Outreach to identify new studies
  - Investigators, cancer centers...
- Resourcing [approaches to sustainability]
- Continue to refine processes and harmonize where possible
- Community Partners

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