

THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER at FORT WORTH



# The Office of Research Compliance

A Unit of the Division of Research and

Innovation



# **Overview**



The Office of Research Compliance (ORC) works with offices responsible for specific components of research compliance and university research oversight committees (e.g., Institutional Review Board, Institutional Biosafety, Institutional Animal Care and Use, and the Financial Conflict of Interest) to ensure responsible conduct of research and compliance with university policies and federal regulations related to research activity.



## The ORC is primarily made up of 3 unique areas:

- ✓ Research Conflict of Interest (RCOI)
- ✓ Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- ✓ North Texas Regional Institutional Review Board (NTR IRB)

# Research Conflict of Interest (RCOI)



#### What is RCOI?

Situations in which financial or other personal considerations may compromise, or have the appearance of compromising a researcher's professional judgment in conducting or reporting research.



## What is the Investigator's role in RCOI?

In addition to completing the Institutional Conflict of Interest form (ICOI), individuals engaged in research must also complete an appropriate RCOI disclosure and submit for review.

The good news is – both the ICOI form and the RCOI form are included one eDisclosure form! If you are engaged in research and have indicated as such on the eDisclosure form, the appropriate questions for RCOI will generate for you to complete.

# Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)



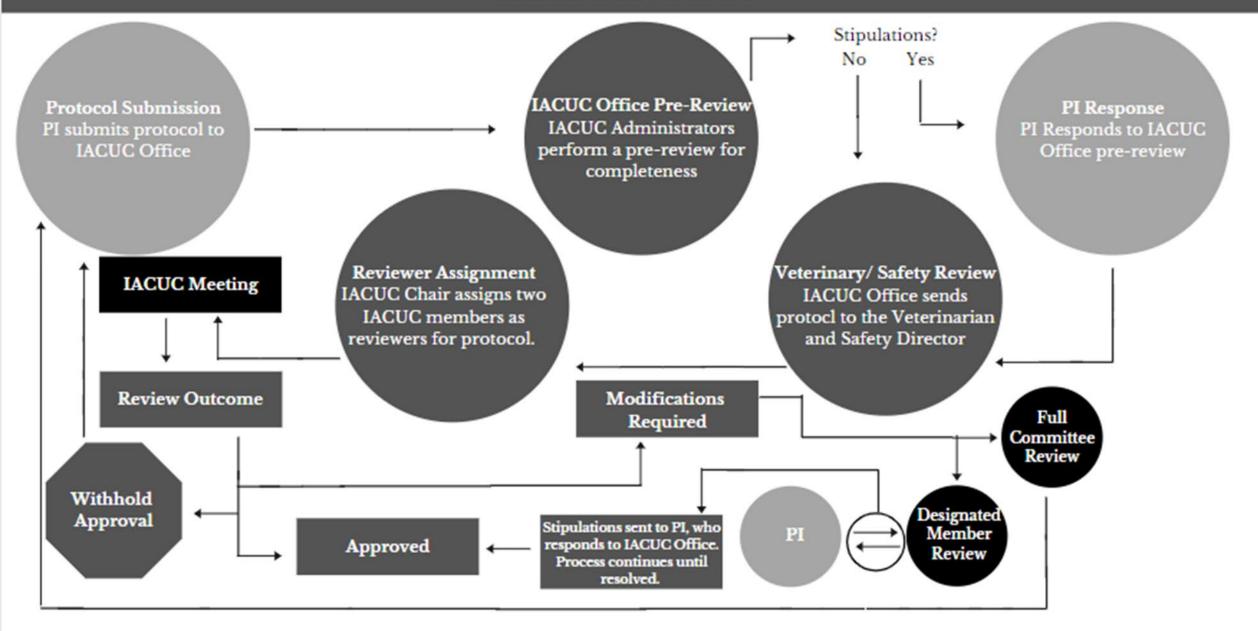
## The IACUC is:

A federally-mandated oversight body responsible for assuring that the use and care of animals is conducted in an appropriate, scientifically valid and humane manner.

IACUC, as a committee of University and community members, is entrusted with the consideration, oversight and compliance with federal regulations in the care and use of animals in research.

## UNTHSC IACUC

**Protocol Review Process** 



# **North Texas Regional IRB**



#### Mission

To integrate ethical research review across North Texas in order to foster discoveries that enhance patients' lives.

### Purpose

To connect organizations in promoting and supporting ethical research conducted in North Texas for the benefit of the world.

#### Vision

One IRB to support collaborative partnerships that drive clinical research across North Texas.

#### What We Do!

- ✓ Regional IRB that serves many institutions in the same geographical area.
- Ensure human subjects research at all affiliated institutions complies with all federal regulations and that scientific and ethical requirements are met.
- ✓ Provide a simplified landscape in which to conduct research and increase opportunities for collaboration in the North Texas area.



# **Process & Procedure for Protocol Review**



Protocol Submission in electronic submission system (IRBNET):
•IRB Application

- Protocol Synopsis
- Consent Documents (if any)
- •Associated Documents (if any)
- •HIPAA Authorization or Waiver

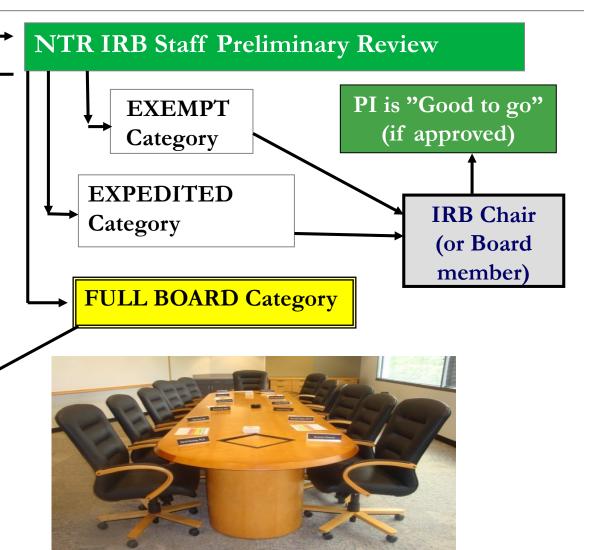
Convened Meeting of the IRB:

**Institutional Review Board** 

16 Member Board

**Board Action (Determination):** 

- •Approved
- •Contingent Approval
- •Deferral
- •Disapproved



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