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## FAU Joins SMART IRB Platform

SMART IRB is a Streamlined, Multisite, Accelerated Resources for Trials IRB Reliance platform designed to harmonize and streamline the IRB review process for multisite studies, while also ensuring a high level of protection for research participants. SMART IRB is funded by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and is intended to serve as a roadmap for institutions to implement the National Institutes of Health requirement for sIRB policy compliance.

FAU is part of the SMART IRB online reliance system, which enables institutions to establish a single IRB review oversight mechanism for multisite studies. The system allows institutions to request, track and document reliance agreements, serves as a platform for communication between researchers and IRBs, and facilitates collaborations among participating institutions.

The primary investigator of a multisite study works with the Points of Contact for each participating institution involved in the study, identifies a reviewing IRB that will serve as the sIRB and determines which institutions will rely on that sIRB.

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