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Jefferson IRB Announcement – Additional IRB Options with WIRB-Copernicus Group

We have just finalized an agreement with Western IRB (WIRB) that will allow Jefferson to accept the review of any IRB that is owned by WIRB-Copernicus Group (WCG). In addition to WIRB, the current roster of IRBs owned by WCG is as follows:

- New England IRB (NEIRB)
- Copernicus IRB
- Aspire IRB
- Midlands IRB

Applications for Jefferson investigators to be added to studies under the oversight of these IRBs will be handled through WIRB's Single Review Solution (SRS) process. The process for joining a study under one of these IRBs is the same process as joining a study under WIRB's oversight. Note that you should submit all applications to WIRB. WIRB will then coordinate with the other IRBs to ensure that reviews and documents meet WIRB's standards.

The same criteria will apply in terms of the types of trials that Jefferson investigators may join.

Please see the attached guidance document for additional information.

You can learn more about using commercial IRBs, including how to submit to WIRB, at:

http://www.jefferson.edu/university/human_research/using-a-central-irb.html