Creating a New Study Submission

This guidance should be used when submitting a new study for IRB review. It outlines how to submit your initial materials within the Huron system. For guidance on how to craft these uploaded materials or for institutional or regulatory requirements see the Investigator Manual (HRP-103) and HRPP Toolkit Library

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How to Access the System

1. The Huron submission system can be accessed at: https://irb-era.brown.edu/

2. When applicable, log in using the DUO Mobile two-factor authentication.

3. Huron can be accessed using Windows and Macintosh - Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome. It cannot be accessed using Microsoft Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge.

How to Create a Study

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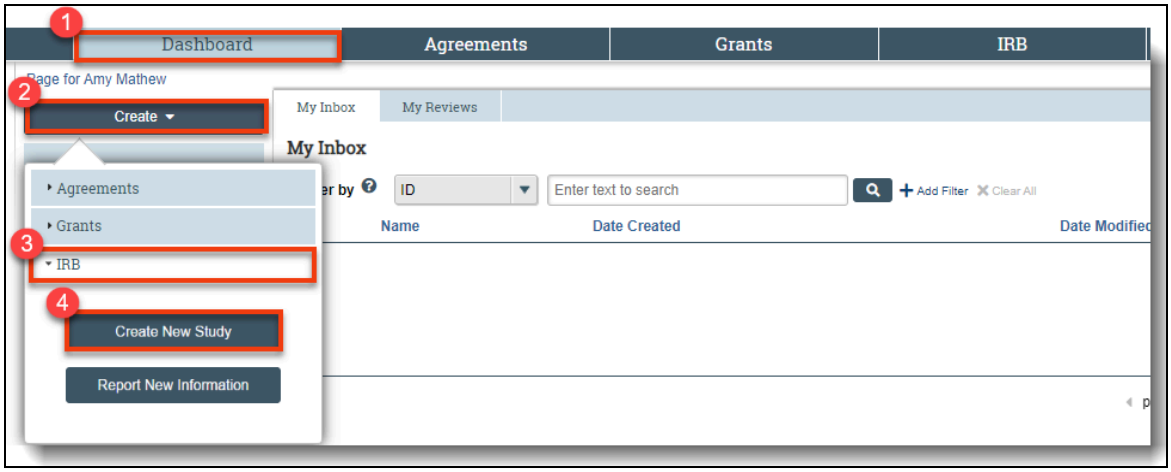
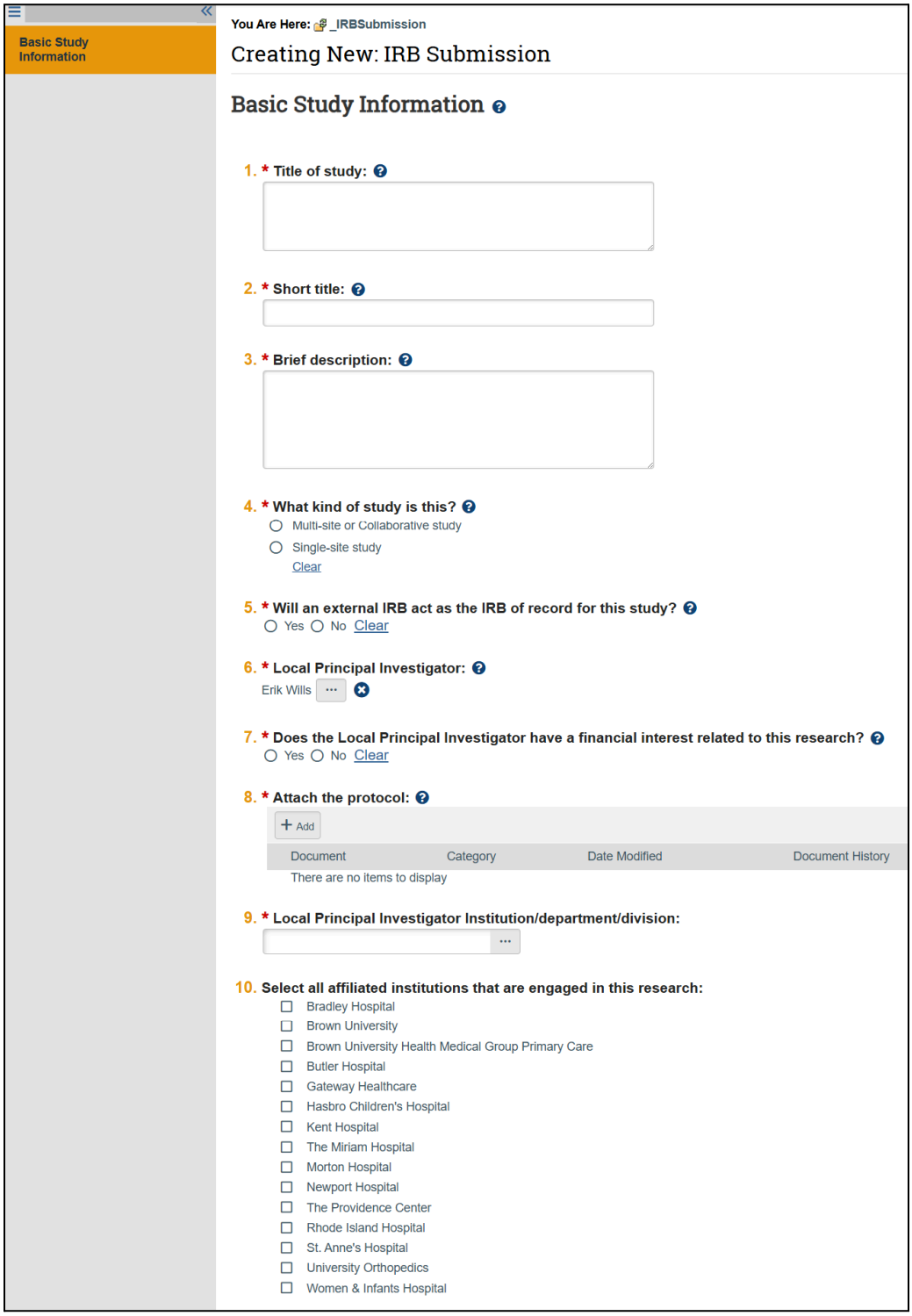


2. Click the **Create** menu,
3. Click **IRB**,
4. Select **Create New Study**.
5. The Basic Information page must be completed and saved to create the study record.

Basic Study Information Page



1. **Title of the Study:** Add the title of the study. This title should match any official titles used for the study (e.g. funding titles)

2. **Short Title:** Select a short title (50 characters max) that will be used to identify your study throughout the Huron system. For example, the study name used on recruitment materials or consent documents.

3. **Brief description:** In lay language, briefly summarize the study aims, objectives, and methods used (100 words max). For example, This is a <drug study, vaccine study, chart review, bio-specimen analysis, survey, or questionnaire study> that will examine…by <using interviews, surveys, tasks, intervention>

4. **What kind of study is this?:** A single-site study is a project where only a single affiliated institution and Principal Investigator is conducting human subjects research.
   A multi-site or collaborative research study means that the research is being conducted at one or more sites, **including affiliated institutions**, and that each site is under the control of a local participating investigator. Each site will be operating on the same overall study aims and hypothesis under a single protocol but do not need to be conducting the same specific research activities at each site. A site is considered a collaborating site (Multi-site study) if they are conducting research activities that include participant interaction, access to identifiable data or if they are the prime awardee of federal funding to conduct the research.
   a. Each affiliated institution with an independent FWA is considered a separate entity, regardless of overall institution as CNE or BUH. Ex: Studies conducted at both Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital are considered Multi-site/Collaborative.

5. **Will an external IRB act as the IRB of record for this study?:** Indicate whether a **non-affiliated IRB** will provide ethical oversight for this study.
   i. If you are the single IRB of record for a multi-site or collaborative study, select No.
   ii. For a multi-site study with only affiliated collaborating sites, Select No
   iii. For a multi-site study requesting to rely on an external, unaffiliated site, select Yes.
   iv. For a single-site study: If you are contracting an independent IRB to review the study, select Yes. For an externally-reviewed,single-site study, you must also submit the study to the local IRB and provide their approval materials. Talking to the reviewing IRB before submitting the study locally helps prepare your submission for success.

★ 6. Will your IRB act as the single IRB of record for other participating sites?: This question will only appear for Multi-Site Collaborative studies that select “No” to the previous question - Will an external IRB act as the IRB of Record.

i. Select “Yes” if an external, non-affiliated institution will be relying on our local IRB oversight. Otherwise, select “No.”

6. **Local Principal Investigator:** Select the name of the PI responsible for the research. HRPP recognizes one Principal Investigator per study. For multi-site research with affiliated institutions, select the overall study PI. Additional co-investigators may be listed on the Study Team Members page.

7. **Does the Local Principal Investigator have a financial interest related to this research?:** Review the help text for specific guidance on what constitutes a financial interest.

8. **Attach the Protocol:** Upload the word version of the protocol. Documents permitted in this location are the: 503, 503a, 503b, 508p, 508r, IRB of Record Protocol, and sponsor’s protocol. Please use the document most applicable.

    i. For multi-site research with affiliated institution, the protocol must clearly delineate research activities for each affiliated site and responsible study team members affiliations. Please be specific in regards to data management, including data-holding institution and software, access, storage, transfer and destruction of identifiable information and biospecimens.

9. **Local Principal Investigator Institution/Department/Division:** Select the institution/department/division of the Local Principal Investigator. If the PI is affiliated with more than one department, select the department the study is being conducted from.

10. **Select all affiliated institutions that are engaged in this research.** Select all applicable institutions for your study. This is specific to locations under Brown University Health, Care New England, and Brown U.
    i. Note: At minimum, PIs should select their own institution as being engaged in the research.

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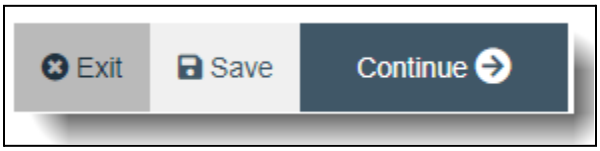
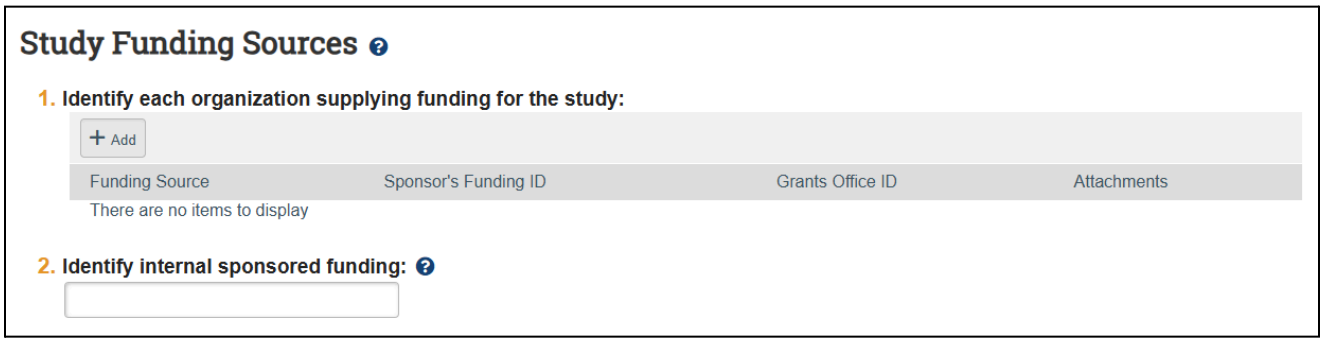
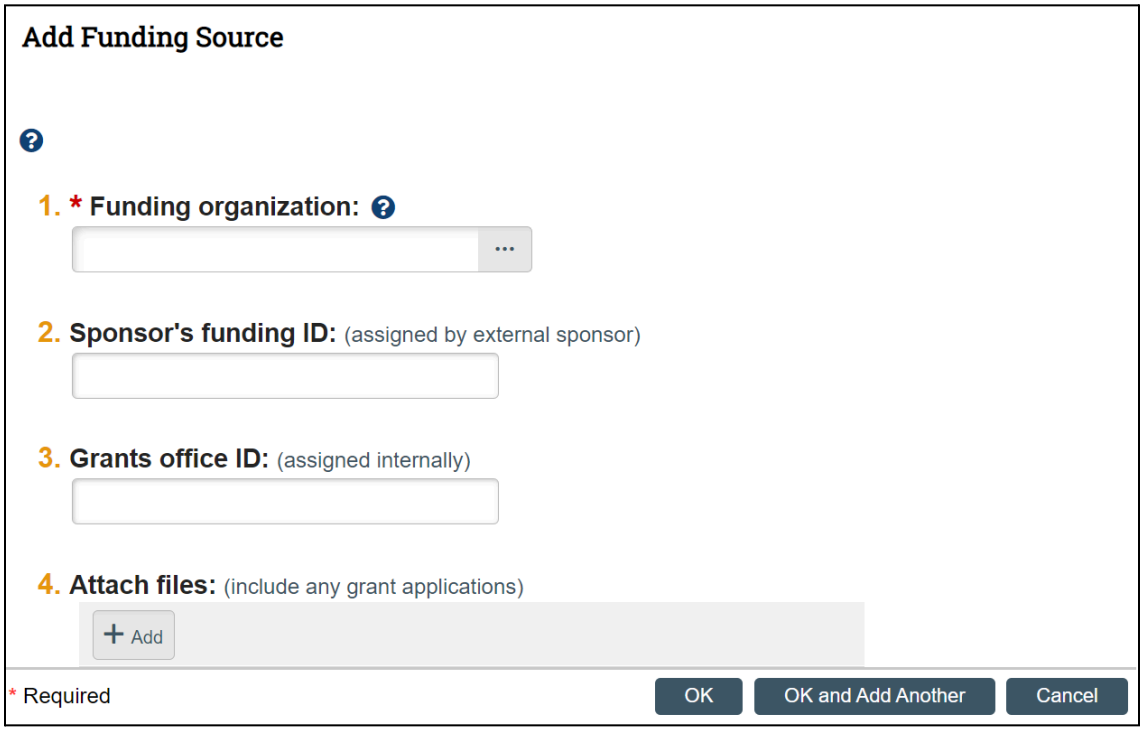


Study Funding Sources Page



1. **Identify each organization supplying funding for the study**: If there is external funding for the study, select the +Add button to access the details.



   a. **Funding Organization:** You can start typing the name of the organization (e.g. NIH) or select the three ellipses to access the full list of organizations. If your funding source is new and does not appear on the list, contact the Brown HRPP.

   b. **Sponsor's funding ID:** If there is a funding ID, include this information. Identify all external funding sources, including the applicable proposal or award number (e.g., R01HD12345 or CNS-1234567).

c. **Grant's office ID:** If there is a grant office ID, include this information. Identify all external funding sources, including the applicable proposal or award number (e.g., R01HD12345 or CNS-1234567).

d. **Attach files:** No documentation is required to be uploaded to this space.

2. **Identify internal sponsored funding:** Identify all internal funding sources from your institution that support this research (e.g., Global Health Scholarship, Research Seed Funding, Salomon Faculty Research Awards, Research Achievement Awards).

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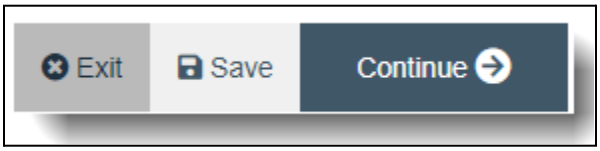
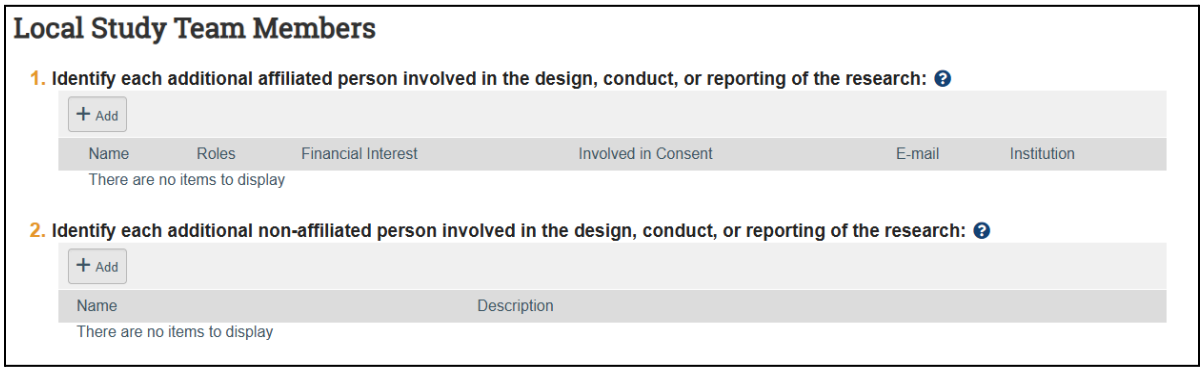


Local Study Team Members Page



1. **Identify each additional affiliated person involved in the design, conduct, or reporting of the research:** If there are additional study team members, select the +Add button to add each person. The main principal investigator is listed on the Basic Information page and does not need to be included here. Note, each person who is listed on this page and conducting human subjects research activities will be required to have active CITI training on file with the Brown HRPP IRB Office. CITI requirements and instructions can be found here and within the Investigator Manual (HRP-103).

1. **Study team member:** Add information about affiliated persons involved in the design, conduct, or reporting of the research. The principal investigator is listed on the Basic Information page and does not need to be included here.

   Do not add the study's primary contact person for IRB communications here unless the person is also engaged in the research. The person who creates the study in the IRB system is assigned as the primary contact by default, and can be changed later as described in "Changing the Primary Contact" in the Study Submission Guide.

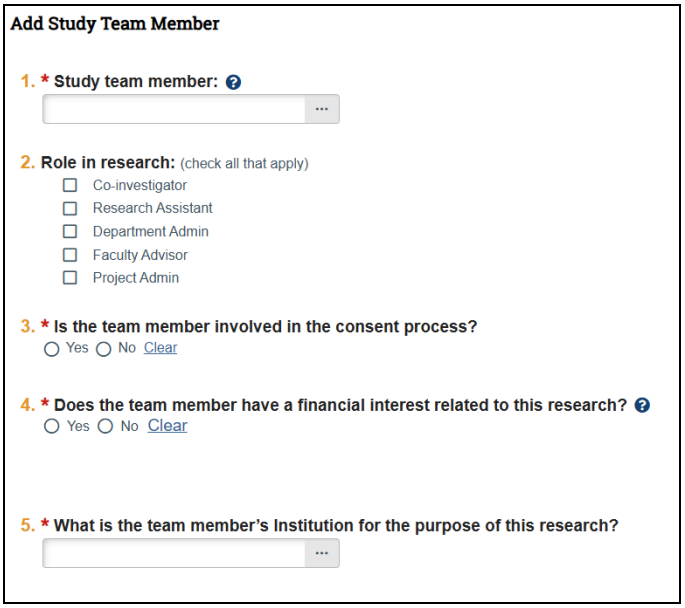
   If you have difficulty finding the person in the list, try typing the beginning of the first or last name. Contact the HRPP for assistance if a person is not listed in the system.

2. **Role in research:** Select all that apply.
   i. Note: If the role of Project Administrator (not engaged) is selected institutional CITI training requirements are not applicable. This role can be used for individuals who assist with IRB submissions, but not with research activities or data.

3. **Is the team member involved in the consent process?:** If the team member is involved in the process of consenting participants, select yes. If the team member is not involved in the process of consenting or for example, is only involved in the drafting of consent materials, select no.

4. **Does the team member have a financial interest related to this research?:** Review the help text for specific guidance on what constitutes a financial interest.

5. **What is the team member's Institution for the purpose of this research?** Select the applicable institution for each study team member. If a team member is affiliated with more than one institution, select the institution where the study is being conducted from.



2. **Identify each additional non-affiliated person involved in the design, conduct, or reporting of the research:** Attach information about members of the research team who were not listed for selection in the previous question. Individual investigators are 1) not affiliated with any institution with respect to this project or 2) acting as an employee or agent of an institution that **is not engaged** in the research. This requires an Individual Investigator Authorization. Contact the HRPP prior to proceeding.

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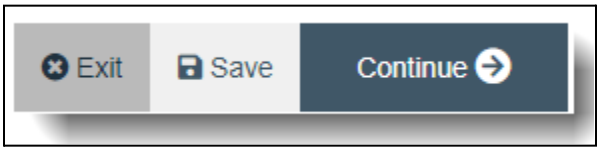
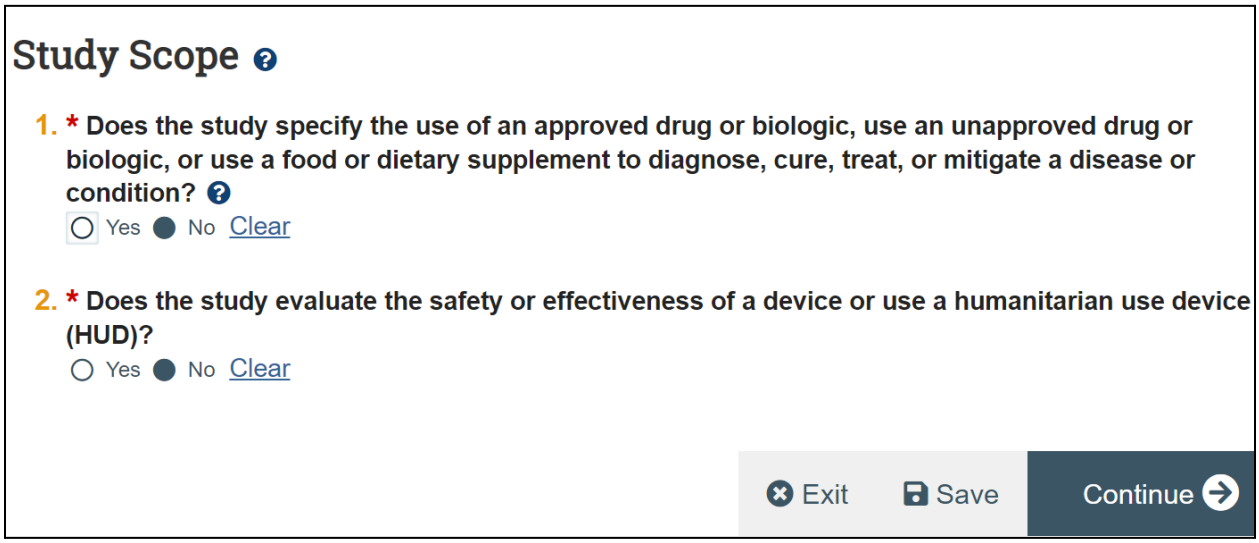


Study Scope Page



1. **Does the study specify the use of an approved drug or biologic, use an unapproved drug or biologic, or use a food or dietary supplement to diagnose, cure, treat, or mitigate a disease or condition?:** Select yes if an approved drug or biologic, an unapproved drug or biologic, or a food or dietary supplement is under investigation per the study design. Selecting yes will open a follow on Drug page for additional information.

2. **Does the study evaluate the safety or effectiveness of a device or use a humanitarian use device (HUD)?:** Select yes if the study is designed to evaluate the safety or effectiveness of a device or use a humanitarian use device (HUD). Selecting yes will open a follow on Device page for additional information.

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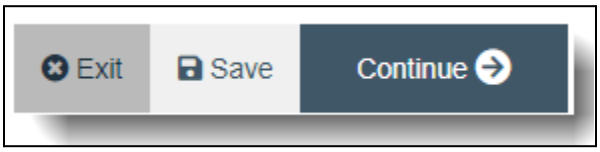
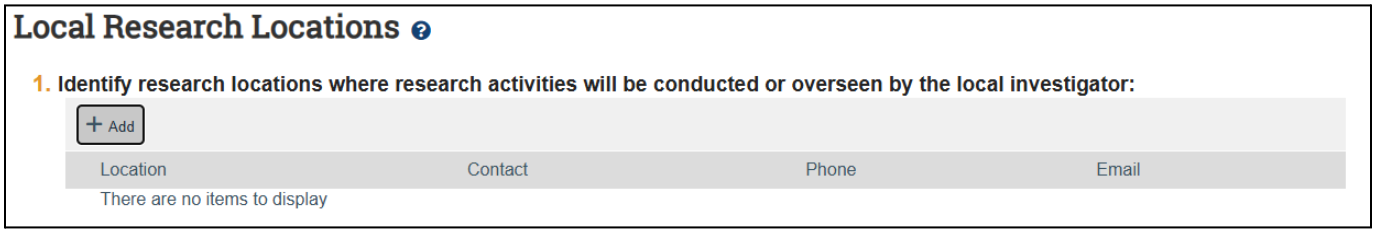


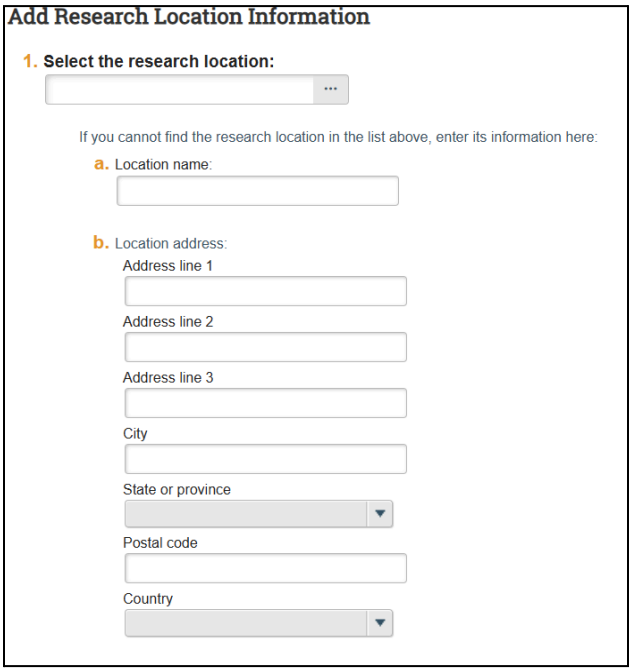
Local Research Locations Page

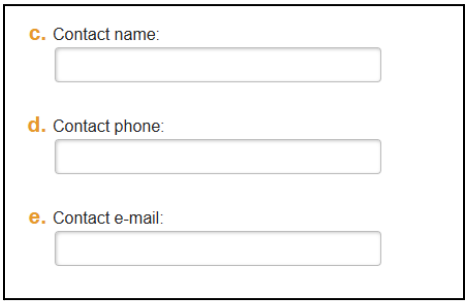


1. **Identify research locations where research activities will be conducted or overseen by the local investigator:** Identify research locations where research activities will be conducted. These research locations have been included because they are locations within your institution where institutional leadership would like to track human research activities, or because they are locations outside of the institution where your institution's principal investigators conduct human research.

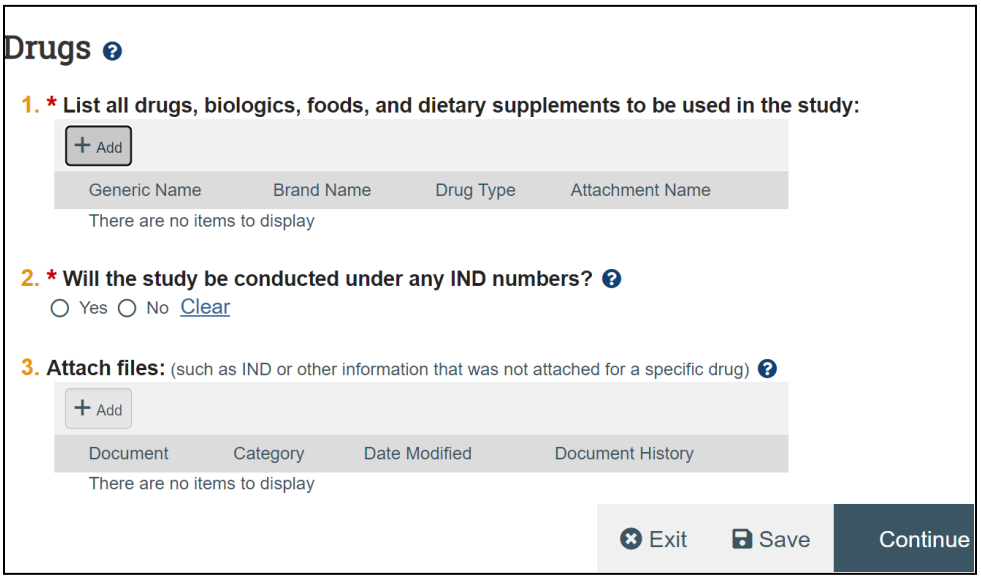
   Research locations are not participating sites in multi-site or collaborative research with separate principal investigators. If your research location is not included for selection, you may enter information manually about that location. Please contact HRPP if you are unsure whether your research location should actually be a participating site.

   a. **Select the research location.** Select the research location from the drop down menu. If you cannot find the research location in the list above, enter its location information.

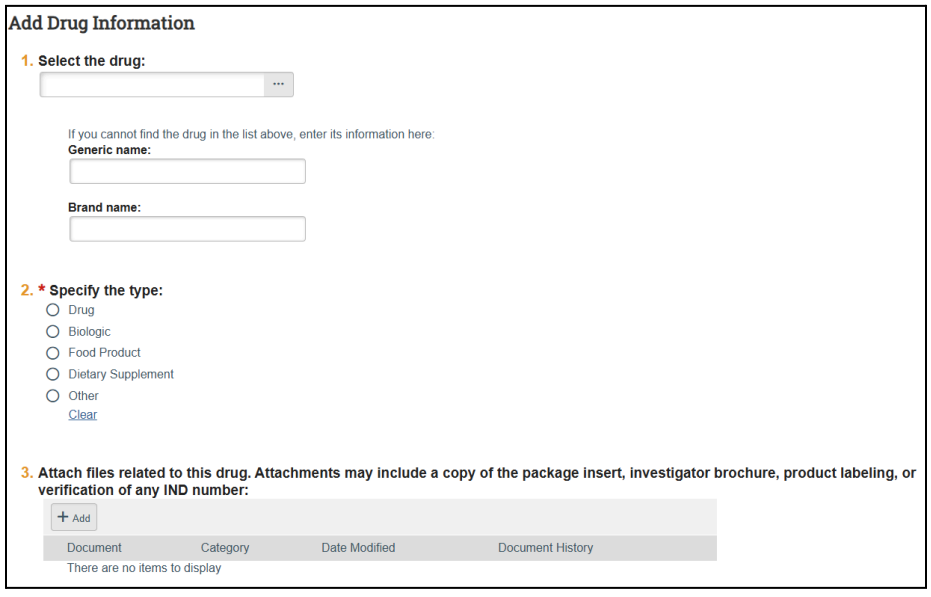




Drugs Page *Only available if “yes” is selected to Question 1 on the Study Scope page.*

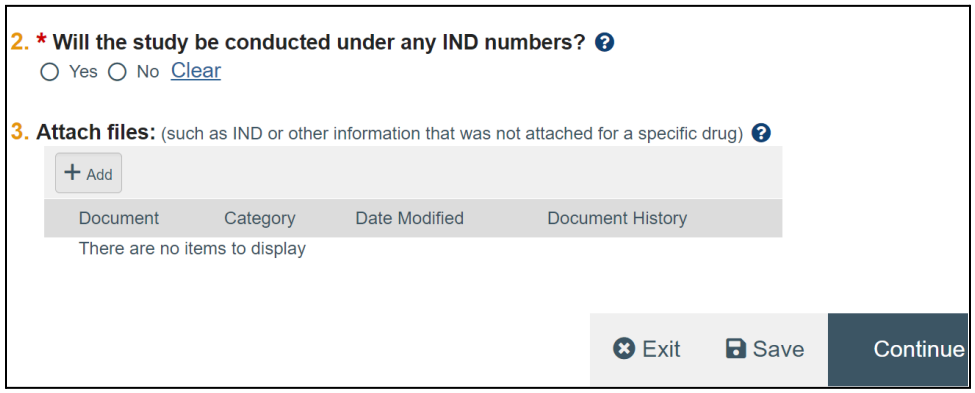


1. **List all drugs, biologics, foods, and dietary supplements to be used in the study:** This page will open if “yes” is selected for the Drug question on the Study Scope page. If there are drugs, biologics, foods, and dietary supplements under investigation in the study, select the +Add button to access the details.

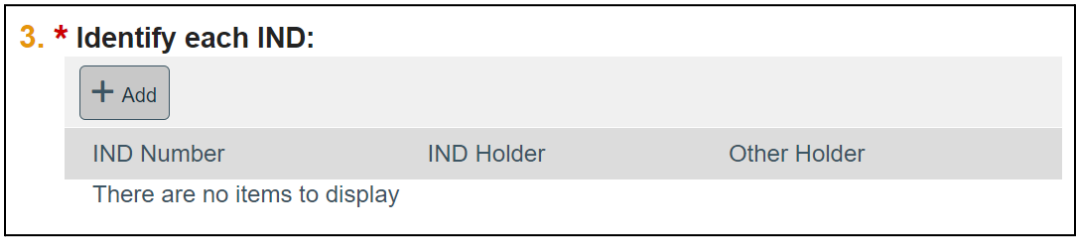


   a. **Select the drug:** You can either start typing the name of the drug or select the three ellipses to access the list of drugs within the system. If you cannot locate the drug, enter the information under the Generic Name / Brand Name fields.

b. **Specify the type:** Select from the available options. If the type is not included, you will be prompted to complete "Other Drug Type description" if you select "Other."
c. **Attach files related to this drug. Attachments may include a copy of the package insert, investigator brochure, product labeling, or verification of any IND number:** Attach a copy of the related materials including but not limited to the package insert, labeling and verification of an IND number.



2. **Will the study be conducted under any IND numbers?:** If you select "Yes" a pop up will request additional information. If you select "No," proceed to question 3. See Guidance here.



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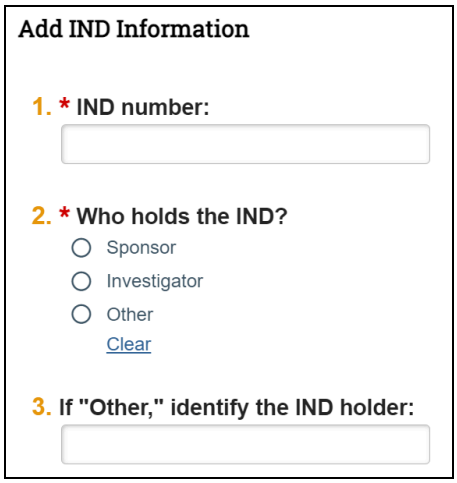

a. **IND number:** Add the IND number.
b. **Who holds the IND?:** Select from the available options.

c. **If "Other," identify the IND holder:** Identify the IND holder if they are not the Sponsor or the Investigator.

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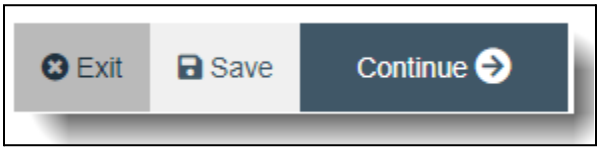
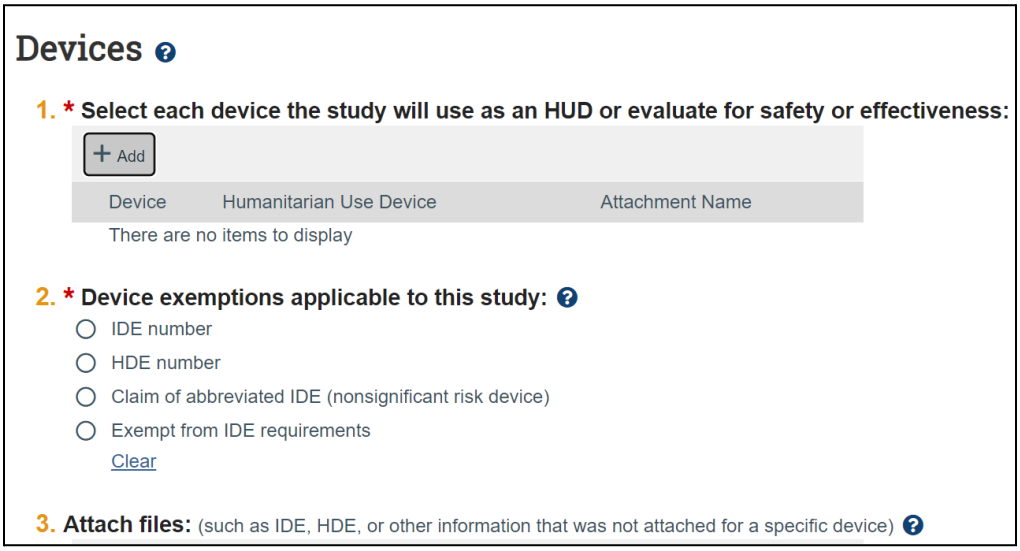
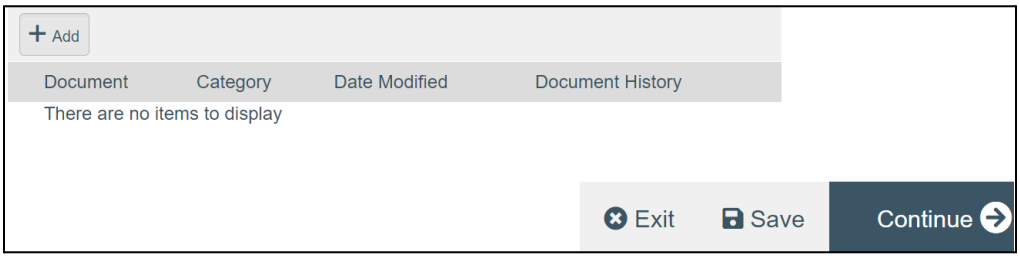


Device Page *Only available if "yes" is selected to Question 2 on the Study Scope page.*



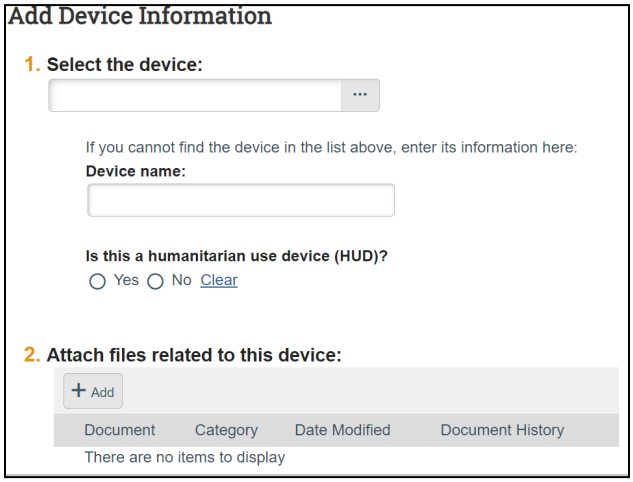


1. **Select each device the study will use as an HUD or evaluate for safety or effectiveness:** This page will open if "yes" is selected for the Device question on the Study Scope page. Select the +Add button to access the details to add each device the study will use as an HUD or evaluate for safety or effectiveness.

a. **Select the device:** You can either start typing the name of the device or select the three ellipses to access the list of drugs within the system. If you cannot locate the drug, enter the information under the Device Name field.

b. **Is this a humanitarian use device (HUD)?**: A HUD is defined as a medical device intended to benefit patients in the treatment or diagnosis of a disease or condition that affects or is manifested in not more than 8,000 individuals in the United States per year.

c. **Attach files related to this device:** Attach a copy of the investigator brochure and the product labeling/device instructions.



2. **Device exemptions applicable to this study:** Select the applicable device exemptions. See Guidance here.

3. **Attach files:** For each IDE / HDE number, attach one of the following, (1) a Sponsor protocol with the IDE / HDE number or (2) communication from the FDA or sponsor with the IDE / HDE number.

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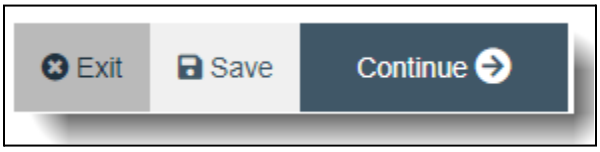

Study-Related Documents Page

***Only available if you selected "Yes" to, Multi-site or Collaborative study (Q4), on the Basic Information page AND "Yes" to either ceding review (Q5) or serving as the sIRB (Q6).**

Some documents and consent forms in the study will be applied to the multi-site study as a whole. On this page, only include the documents that apply to the overall study and are not site-specific. Documents that are specific to affiliated sites should be uploaded to the Local Site Documents page.

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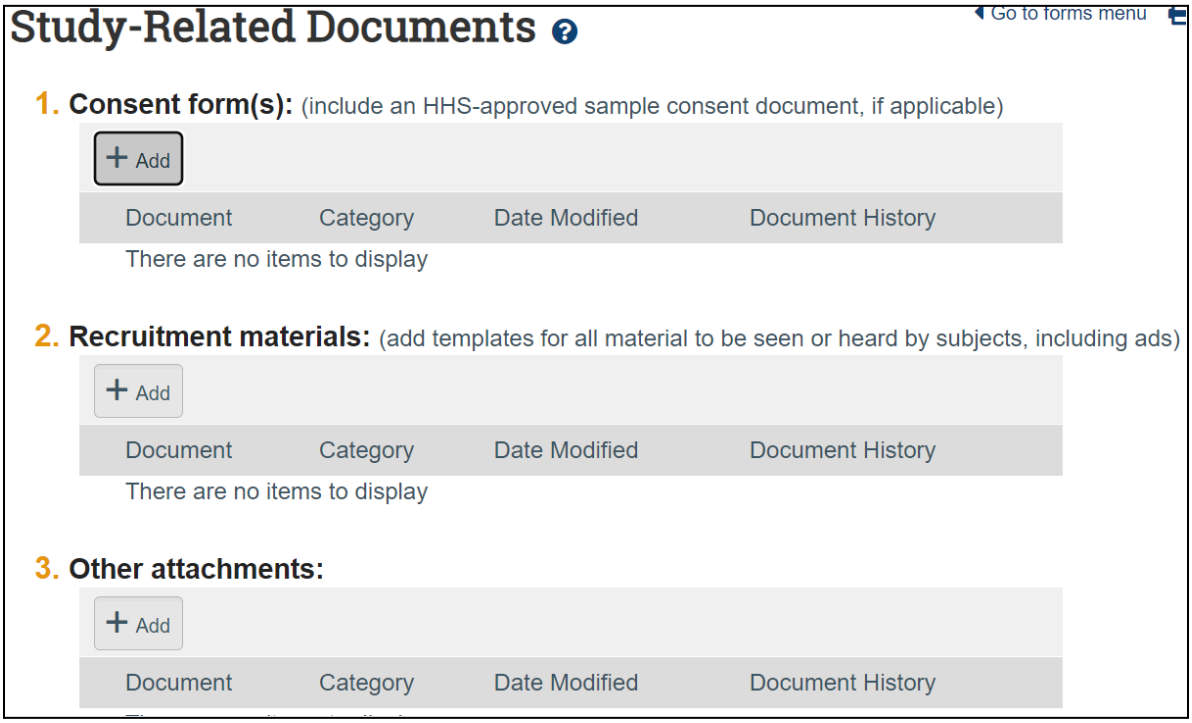

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document “Social Media Posts” with all social media post variations. If you have multiple flyers, upload one Word document “Flyers” with all flyer variations. Zip files are not accepted.

3. **Other attachments:** Attach individual Word documents of all other study materials. This includes but is not limited to study measures such as interview guides and surveys, HIPAA Authorizations, data use agreements, letters of support, appendices, etc. Use Name to identify each document. Zip files are not accepted.

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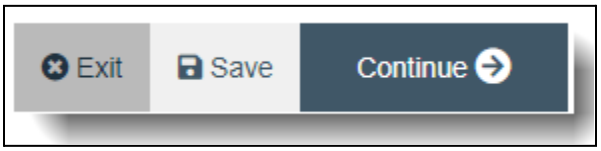

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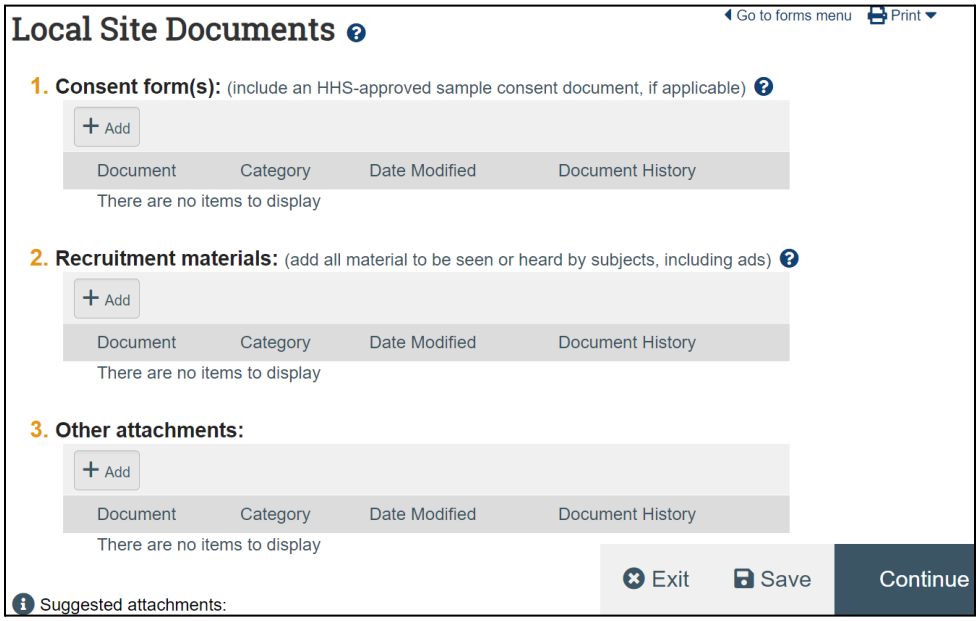

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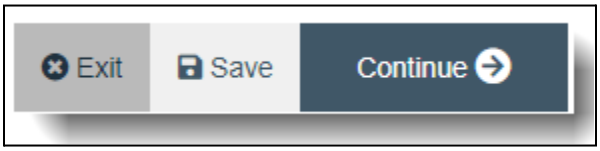
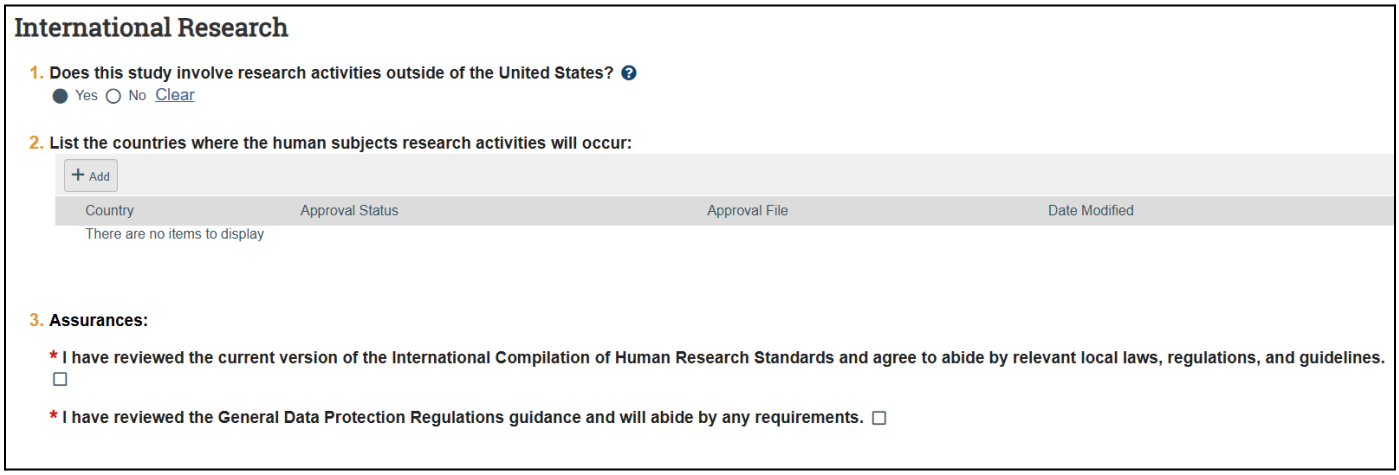
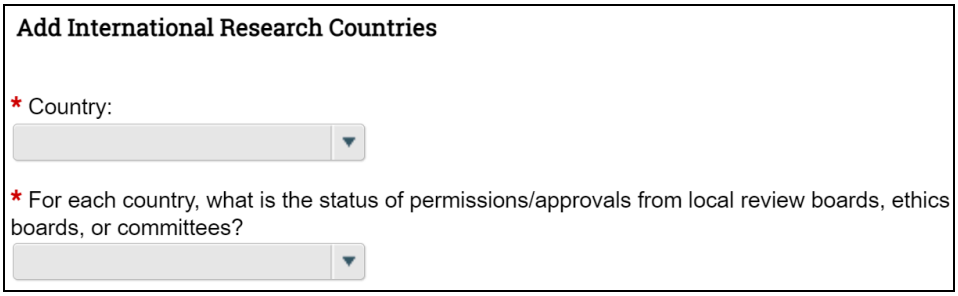


International Research Page



1. **Does this study involve research activities outside of the United States?:** If the study does not involve research activities outside of the United States, select "No" and proceed to submitting the study record. If "Yes," questions 2 and 3 will open.

2. **List the countries where the human subjects research activities will occur:** To list the countries where the human subjects research activities will occur, select the +Add button to access the details.



Country: Select from the dropdown list.

For each country, what is the status of permissions/approvals from local review boards, ethics boards, or committees?:

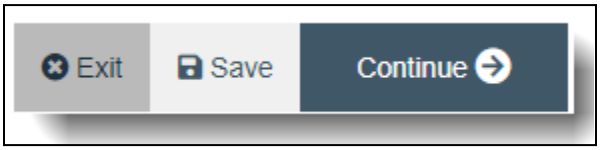
Pending: If the review is pending, indicate in the protocol when approval is anticipated, where review is being received, and confirm the research will not begin until both this IRB review and local review are received.

Received: If the research received local approval, upload the approval memo in the Study Related Documents or Local Site Documents page (whichever is relevant).

N/A: If the submission is marked as N/A for receiving local review, indicate why this is the case in the protocol.

3. **Assurances:** Read and attest to each assurance checkbox. For additional information on each assurance:
    a. I have reviewed the current version of the International Compilation of Human Research Standards and agree to abide by relevant local laws, regulations, and guidelines.
    b. I have reviewed the General Data Protection Regulations guidance and will abide by any requirements.
    c.

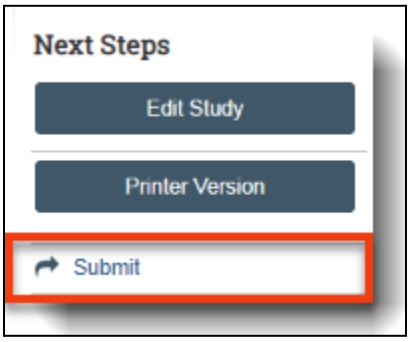
Click **Save**. Click **Continue** to move to the next page. To exit the submission, click **Exit**. These 3 actions are on every page.



Important! Clicking Finish does not send the submission to the HRPP. When the study is ready for HRPP review, the PI or a PI Proxy must submit from the study record workspace.

Once the user clicks **Finish**, the user is brought back to the IRB workspace within the record. The study record is editable until it is submitted.

To Submit the Study

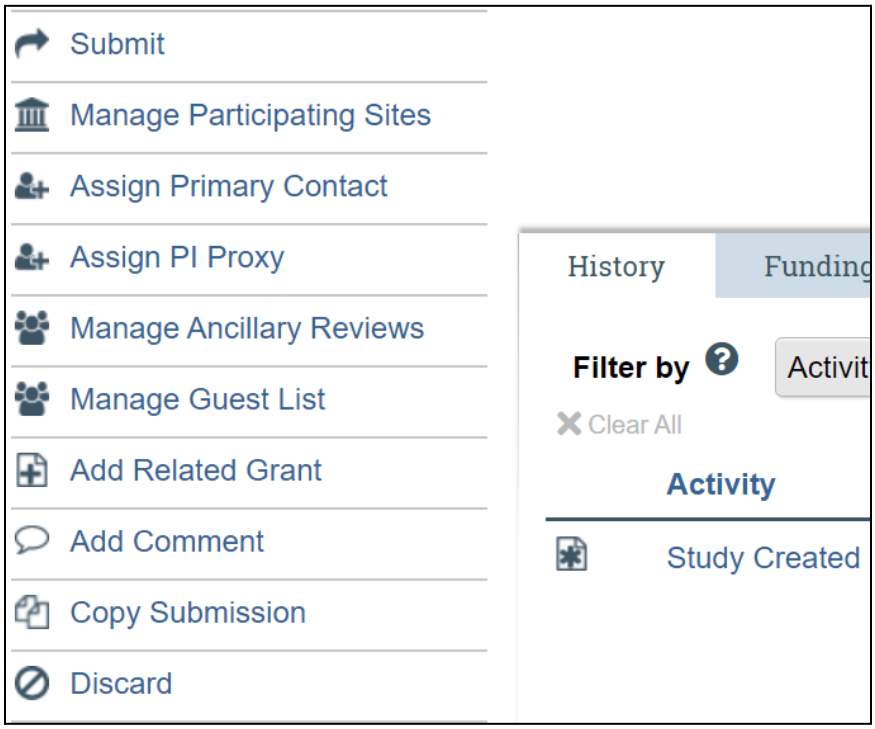


To submit a study for review, within the study record workspace:

1. Click **Submit**.
2. Click **OK** to agree to the terms.
3. Type in your login credentials and click **Submit**.

Once you select **Submit**, the study has been submitted to HRPP and is now in the Pre-Review state.

Study Record Menu Navigation



The left hand menu is available to the Principal Investigator, Primary Contact, PI Proxy and other study team members.

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Submit: Will be removed as a menu option once the study record progresses to Pre-Review in the study timeline.

Manage Participating Sites: Manage Participating Sites is only available for multi-site research and should be completed post-approval. More information can be found in the Collaborating Research guidance.

Assign Primary Contact: The primary contact will receive all email notifications related to the submission and be able to create new Modifications, Continuing Reviews and Reportable New Information. The Principal Investigator will need to review and "Submit" the Modifications and Continuing Reviews before they are moved to Pre-Review.

Assign PI Proxy: PI Proxy is able to submit a study record on behalf of the PI. The PI Proxy must be a Study Team Member listed in the study record. Only the study's PI or an assigned PI proxy can submit a record for review. PI Proxy is on a study by study basis. If you are serving as a PI's proxy for their research portfolio, this must be done in each of their study records.

Manage Ancillary Reviews: The study team can initiate any Ancillary Reviews needed prior to Pre-Review. See Guidance on Ancillary Reviews here and within the Investigator Manual (HRP-103).

Manage Guest List: Guest list can be used to give view-only access to other relevant parties such as grant or department administrators. Individuals on the guest list cannot modify the study record.

Add Related Grant: Do not use. This will not associate funding to your study record and will not be viewable by the Office of Sponsored Projects.

Add Comment: Add comment allows you to add information for the PI, study team or HRPP staff. Note, your comment is visible to anyone with access to this submission and will remain in the submission History. Use the **Who should receive an e-mail notification?** to send a notification to recipients. If a checkbox is not selected, no individual will be notified of the comment.

Copy Submission: Copy submission is a tool that is best suited for studies with multiple phases that have been split into different study records. For example, if a study has Phase I and Phase II that are submitted at different times but the Phase I record has been completed, you can use Copy

Submission to create a new record with the same study team, funding, international locations, etc. pages. You would then go into the study record to update the new documents and submit for review.

Discard: This activity will permanently remove the submission. Discard will close the study record. The record will remain in Huron but you will not be able to take any further action such as submitting a modification, continuing review, etc.