



University of California
San Francisco

IRB Updated Fees

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Purpose

The existing fee structure has been revised to account for the escalating operating expenses involved in carrying out IRB reviews. Furthermore, we have added a new fee structure specifically for sIRB reviews.

Studies Subject to IRB Review Fees

- All studies submitted on behalf of institutions external to UCSF (*e.g.*, NCIRE and the Gladstone Institutes, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Vitalant Research Institute)
- UCSF studies funded by private industry
- Multi-site studies subject to sIRB oversight by UCSF IRB. (New)

Operational Costs to Note

- The previous rate increase was designed to sustain operations for two years. The HRPP was able to control costs through elimination of contractors, allowing the HRPP to delay increasing rates for another year.

- A new committee was formed in response to a need for additional meetings during each month.
 - Personnel costs accrued while revenue was delayed to allow for sufficient training time.

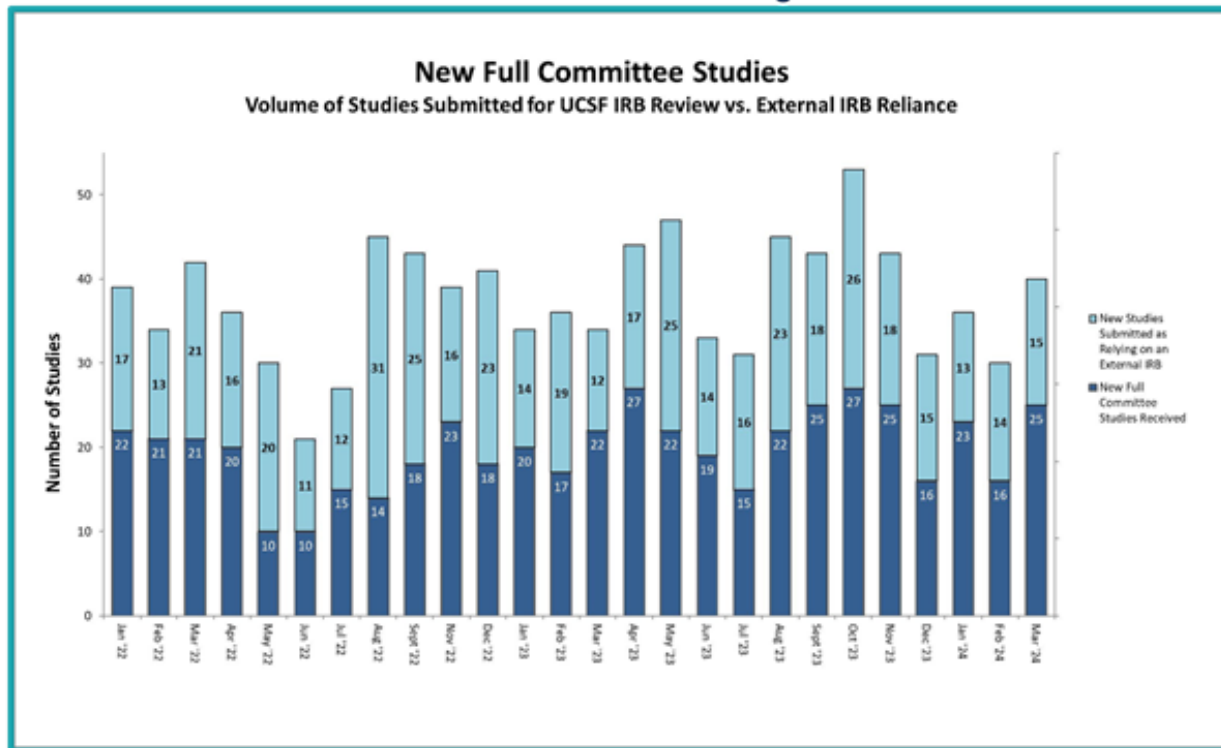
- The Reliance review team has been managing sIRB submissions without generating any revenue since sIRB fees were allowed as a direct cost in 2018.

Lost Revenue Opportunities

- Industry-sponsored studies ceded for review by external IRBs reduce our ability to generate revenue from reviewing these studies.
- HRPP continues to see a large number of studies relying on external IRBs.

Full Committee Review Metrics

UCSF Reviewed vs. External IRB Reliance through Mar 2024



2021: 43% relying (197/458 total)

2022: 52% relying (225/435 total)

2023: 46% relying (217/474 total)

New Rate Calculations

Specific Service	Estimated Hours per Service	Volume Forecast	Total Hours	Rate per Review	Revenue Projection	Internal Rates	External Rates	Current rates (Internal)	Difference	% Increase
New Full Review	34	144	4896	\$ 3,930	\$ 565,917	\$ 3,930	4960	3630	\$ 300	8%
Renewal Full Review	18.5	234	4329	\$ 2,138	\$ 500,379	\$ 2,140	2700	2030	\$ 110	5%
Expedited	13.25	359	4751	\$ 1,532	\$ 549,117	\$ 1,540	1950	1210	\$ 330	27%
Modification/Personnel Changes	2.5	1538	3845	\$ 289	\$ 444,434	\$ 290	370	230	\$ 60	26%
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sIRB Expedited Initial	11	8	88	\$ 1,122	\$ 8,978	\$ 1,130	1430			
sIRB Expedited Renewal	5.5	17	93.5	\$ 561	\$ 9,539	\$ 570	720			
sIRB Full Board Initial	12	1	12	\$ 1,224	\$ 1,224	\$ 1,230	1550			
sIRB Full Board Renewal	5.5	24	132	\$ 561	\$ 13,467	\$ 570	720			
Mods/Personnel Changes	1.25	330	412.5	\$ 128	\$ 42,085	\$ 130	170			
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IRB Fees Across Peer Institutions

	UCSF Proposal	UCLA	UCD	John Hopkins	Columbia	Duke Health	Yale
Effective Year	2024	2023	2009	2021	2022	2022	2023
Initial Full Committee Review	\$ 3,930.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Renewal Full Committee Review	\$ 2,140.00	No charge	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Initial Expedited Review	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Renewal Expedited Review	\$ 1,540.00	No charge	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Amendment/ Modifications	\$ 290.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$1000-\$1200	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$500-\$750
Exempt Certification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -		
Commercial/Private IRB	\$ 1,540.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,800.00
Study Closure				\$ 750.00			\$ 250.00
Other fees				\$375/annum			

sIRB Rates Across Peer Institutions

	UCSF Proposal	Stanford U	UCSD	UCD	John Hopkins
Initial Full Board	\$1230/site	external IRBs	\$800/site	\$ 1,600.00	\$1500/site
Mod Full Board	\$130/site				\$500/site
Renew Full Board	\$570/site			\$ 800.00	\$1000/site
Initial Expedited	\$1130/site		\$800/site	\$ 1,600.00	\$1500/site
Mod Expedited	\$130/site				\$500/site
Renew Expedited	\$570/site			\$ 800.00	\$1000/site
Compliance Monitoring					\$250/site
Site Termination					\$250/site