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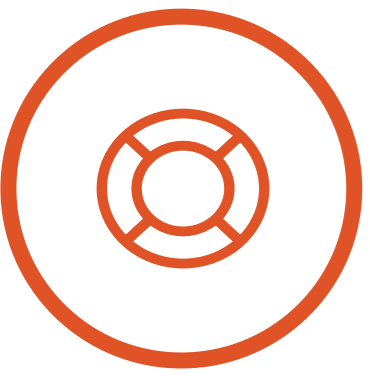
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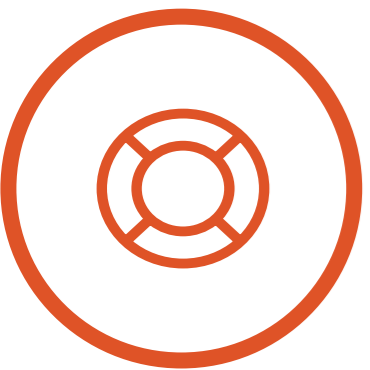
- UCLA submitted for and received initial accreditation in 2009
- Re-accreditation cycles are every 5 years
- Site visit took place March 2-4, 2022
- The site visit was virtual (on zoom)



AAHRPP Site Visit Process

Pre-visit:

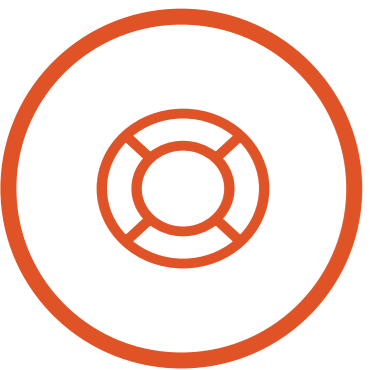
- *OHRPP provided materials (policies, guidance documents, templates, etc....) to the site visitors*
- *The site visitors asked questions about some of the documents*
- *OHRPP responded to the questions*



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During the visit:

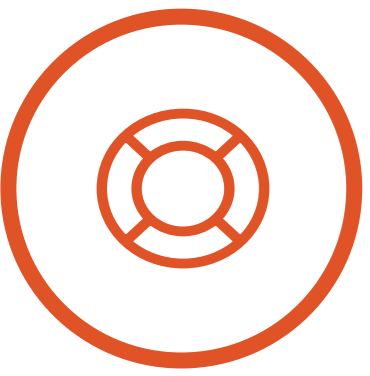
- *OHRPP staff, researchers, research staff, other stakeholders met with the site visitors*
- *At the end of the last day, the site visitors provided a rough summary of their findings*
- *Thank you to all of the stakeholders who participated in interviews.*



AAHRPP Site Visit Process

After the visit:

- *A draft site visit report was sent to OHRPP about a month after the site visit.*
- *OHRPP has a month to respond to the issues identified*



AAHRPP Site Visit Report

Our Draft Site Visit Report:

- *Complimented UCLA on the collegial relationship between OHRPP/IRB and investigators. The channels of communication are open and OHRPP and the IRBs are ready and willing to assist investigators in the process*
- *Indicated that there was confusion among stakeholders of the process for IRB review of researcher conflict of interest*
- *Indicated that waivers of consent required additional documentation*
- *Indicated that documentation of which IRB members were recused vs. out of the room during review of agenda items was not consistent in the minutes*



AAHRPP Site Visit Next Steps

Response to AAHRPP draft site visit report:

- *OHRPP's plan for revising guidance documents/checklists and providing training to stakeholders will be submitted later this month*

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OHRPP Office Hours

- OHRPP Quality Improvement Unit staff are hosting *half-hour open Q/A sessions every other week* to answer your questions
- *Upcoming sessions*
 - Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:30am
 - Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:30am

Register once and you can join any session.



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