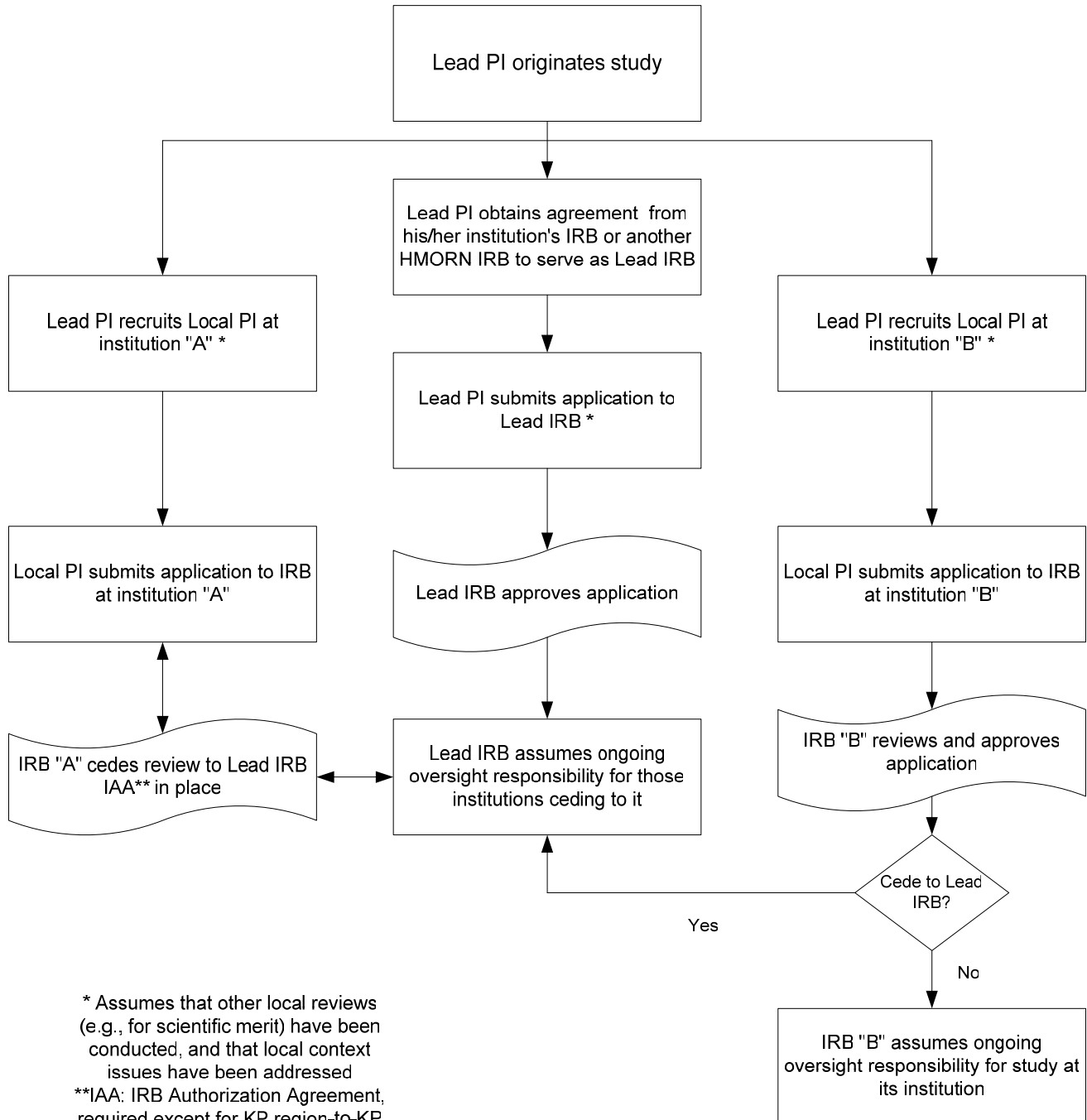


HMO RESEARCH NETWORK - OVERVIEW OF THE MULTI-SITE RESEARCH APPROVAL PROCESS



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Lead IRB

- Reviews the proposed research submitted by the Lead PI
- Accepts responsibility for study oversight from a ceding IRB

Ceding IRB

- Reviews proposed research submitted by the Local PI for its institution and cedes responsibility to the Lead IRB

Reviewing IRB

- Reviews proposed research submitted by the Local PI for its institution and oversees the study in its institution
- Communicates primarily with the Local PI, and communicates with Lead PI as required

Lead PI

- Originates the research protocol
- Oversees the study in its entirety in the HMORN
- Prepares the HMORN Multi-site Research Application Cover Sheet and the IRB application of the Lead IRB
- Recruits Local PIs
- Submits the proposed research to the Lead IRB
- Assists the Local PIs in preparing their research applications, as required
- Communicates with Reviewing IRBs as required

Local PI

- Submits the proposed research to the Local IRB
- Ensures that any institutional-specific application requirements are included in the multi-site research application
- Oversees the study at his or her institution and maintains ongoing communication with the Lead PI around project status and any problems