

9 INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

9.1 PARTICIPATION IN THE PEDSNET SINGLE IRB FRAMEWORK

All PEDSnet institutional members are required to endorse the PEDSnet single IRB policy by becoming a participating institution of the Master Common Reciprocal Institutional Review Board Reliance Authorization Agreement (also referred to as the Master Reliance Agreement).

9.2 VOLUNTARINESS OF PARTICIPATION IN MASTER RELIANCE AGREEMENT

Participation in the Master Reliance Agreement allows an institution to choose on a case-by-case protocol basis whether to participate in a ceded review, as a relying or reviewing institution, or perform its own IRB review. Given the network's underlying principle of collaboration, PEDSnet expects that IRB reliance opt-out will be a rare occurrence, and would require an appropriate justification.