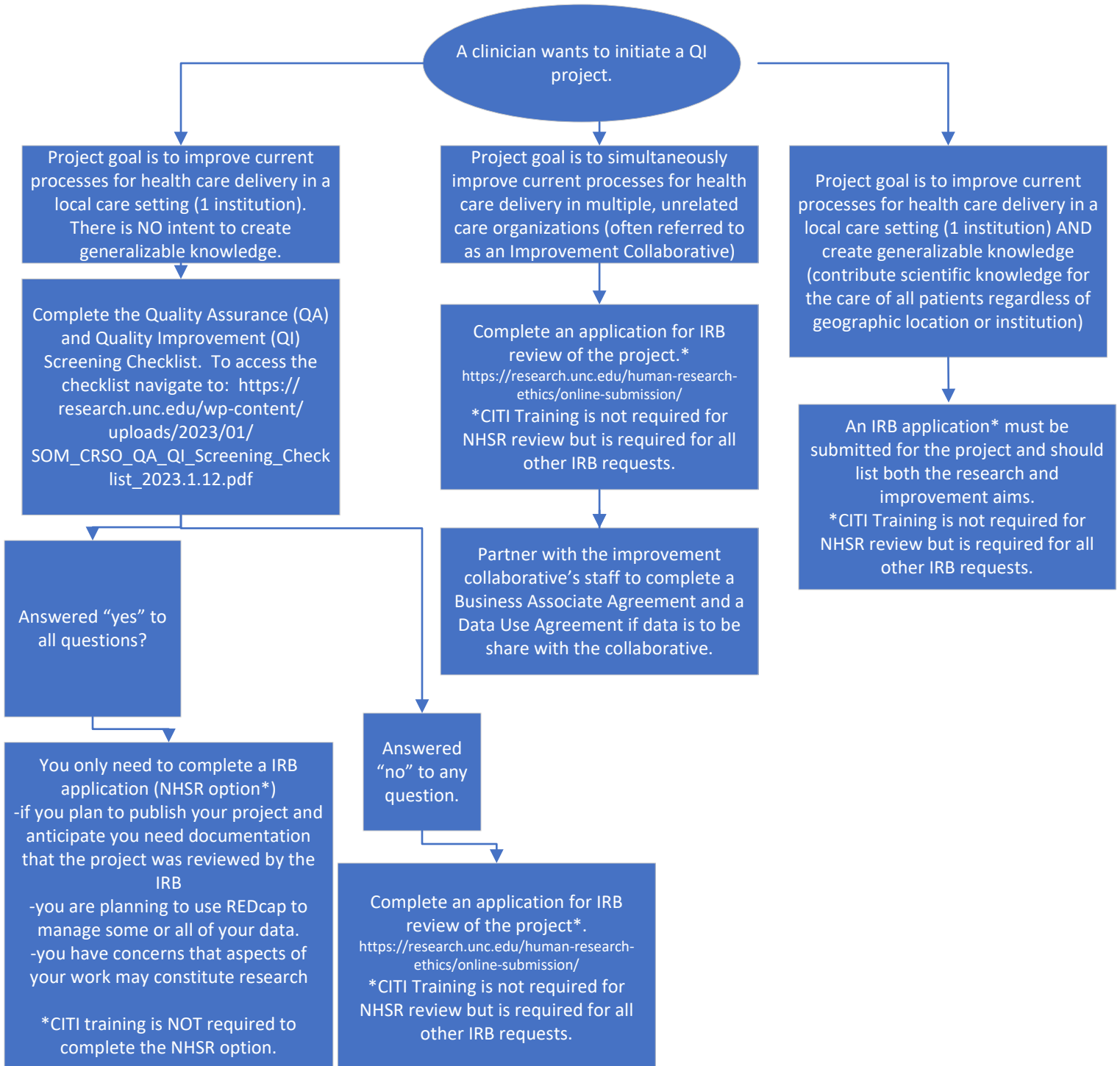


Ensuring Appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) Oversight of Human Subjects When Conducting Quality Improvement Work

An activity requires IRB oversight if it involves:

- a) research.
- b) a human subject (an individual about whom a researcher obtains data through intervention, interaction, or abstracting pre-existing identifiable private information).
- C) a clinical trial.
- D) the improver has concerns that all or part of the improver's work is research

The following flowchart ensures the improver is not inadvertently conducting Human Subjects Research without IRB oversight. If you have any questions about the correct action to take email: irb_questions@unc.edu or call (919)-966-3113



Sources:

[Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement \(QA/QI\) FAQs](#)
[Office of Human Research Ethics SOP 0501: Human Subjects Research Determination](#)

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