

Research Compliance and Quality Assurance Program (RCQA): Audit Checklist – Regulatory Files

Protocol Title / Code:	
Sponsor:	
PI Name:	
Auditor Name:	
Audit Date(s):	

Regulatory File Organization + Other General Items					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
Binder is organized in a logical fashion; easy to locate study documents; no loose pages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Binders are properly labeled.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For documents filed centrally – memos are filed to clarify this.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The study is registered on clinicaltrials.gov. *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
REB Files / Correspondence					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
Initial REB application and approval filed, with all submitted and approved documents listed with correct version dates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
REB applications and approvals for all amendments filed, with all submitted and approved documents listed with correct version dates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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No protocol (or amendment) implementation prior to REB approval(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Annual REB review applications and approvals are within timeline and filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spot check information written in REB applications to ensure accuracy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Upon study closeout, final report submitted to REB (if required), and other REB requirements are met.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
REB membership lists filed for all full-board reviews. Updated membership lists are filed as required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For all full-board reviews, documentation that study team members (who also are REB members) recused themselves from voting and declared a COI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Regulatory Files					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
All applicable CTA and CTA-As* and their corresponding NOLs are complete and filed. Note any delays. Evidence of submission is on file (e.g. Fed-Ex waybill).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All applicable CTA-Ns* and corresponding acknowledgements completed and filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Note delays. Evidence of submission is on file (e.g. email).					
Health Canada QIU signed and dated prior to commencement of study, and filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If study drug is under an IND with FDA, form 1572 is completed, signed and dated by PI prior to study commencement, and filed. Exception: PI requested to participate as a foreign clinical trial site and waiver is obtained).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All COI declarations, including financial disclosures of all investigators and the institution, are signed and dated prior to study commencement, revised as required, and filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CTSI filed and all information correct.*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Screening/Registration					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
Screening and enrollment log is filed, and there are no discrepancies with source documents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Study master list is filed and stored securely, as per requirement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Global and local accrual on par with expected recruitment target; if not, this is clarified.*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Delegation/Training Documentation					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
SIV agenda, attendance, and slides are filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All study tasks are included on the delegation log.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tasks are appropriately delegated to each individual (i.e. matches the role and qualifications of the individual and the delegation criteria).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All changes to delegations (except for end dates) are re-signed and dated by the PI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of training is no later than the delegated individual's effective/start date (i.e. the date of PI sign off).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All documentation of training is completed and filed appropriately. This includes, but is not limited to: protocol training, GCP training, and HC Division 5 training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other sponsor-required training (e.g. eCRF, IVRS) documentation filed for all applicable study staffs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
End dates of study staff no longer participating in the study are been recorded on the delegation log.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Documentation of staff training on amendments and any other changes to the conduct of the study (as applicable). Note any delays.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Staff and Other Site-Specific Files					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
Medical licenses for all investigators filed and are up to date.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CVs for all study team members are filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All applicable labs have lab certification / accreditation and normal ranges filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Safety Documents (ie. SUSARs, SAEs, DSMBs)					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
SUSARs are distributed to all study investigators periodically, as per requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Each safety report is assessed for reporting requirements – e.g., meets the Health Canada (HC) reporting requirements; documentation is filed accordingly. *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HC-reportable safety reports are reported to HC in a timely manner as ADRs and filed. *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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All safety reports received from sponsor or drug manufacturer are filed and signed off by the PI, as per requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUSARs do not require further action from the site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DSMB reports are filed and there is documentation of PI's acknowledgment and review.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local SAEs are assessed by PI against REB reporting criteria, and reported accordingly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other reportable events have been reported to the REB, as per reporting criteria.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monitoring + Deviation Tracking					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
According to site visit log, monitoring plan (if available) is followed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Privacy and confidentiality agreements by monitors / external auditors signed and filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monitoring reports from all monitoring visits are filed. Reports are reviewed and signed off by the PI, as per requirements. Spot check reports for any outstanding deviations, issues, or trends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Deviation log (or other forms of acceptable documentation) available and signed off by PI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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within acceptable timeframe (with indication of PI's assessment of whether deviation is REB-reportable).					
CAPA in response to major deviations or deviation trends are documented and implemented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Deviations that are assessed by PI to be reportable to REB are reported within required timeframe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Study Documents					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
All versions of protocol are filed and consistent with REB approvals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All versions of consent forms are filed and consistent with REB approvals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All versions of IB are filed and consistent with REB approvals/acknowledgement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All participant materials are filed (e.g. diaries, questionnaires, recruitment materials) and consistent with REB approvals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Correspondence					
Verification of the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Not Reviewed	Comments
SIV minutes fully documented and filed – issues outlined and resolved within timelines.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Correspondence regarding site/study activation filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Correspondence to the study team regarding different stages of study filed: start-up, interim analysis, accrual on hold, accrual closed, study termination and close out, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Correspondence filed indicates that each amendment was provided to the study team as it is approved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If the study had teleconference(s)/meeting(s) – attendance and minutes are filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Correspondence shows that consent forms have been approved by sponsor prior to submission to local REB.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If study is closed out, letter from the sponsor stating that the study activities have been completed and the site is closed is filed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If study is closed out, following documentations are filed: confirming return of study-related materials such as laboratory supplies, investigational product/devices, equipment, CRFs, randomization codes, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

* Applies to a sponsor or investigator-sponsor role.

Additional Notes: