

Meet the OIA Leadership Team

The Office of IRB Administration (OIA) has undergone a number of staffing changes in the last year with the majority of our current staff having been hired since January 2022. While OIA continues to be run by our two directors Ben Mooso (OIA Director) and Dr. Anthony Magit (OIA Medical Director), recent changes have also brought us three new members of the OIA leadership team:



Kacey Pratt, Assistant Director

Kacey Pratt has been with the UCSD IRB office for 10 years, previously serving as the analyst for the oncology committee and more recently, the neuroscience committee. She has been working in the field of IRB administration for nearly 15 years on both the east and west coasts. In her spare time, she enjoys the performing arts and spoiling her dogs. Kacey began her role as OIA Assistant Director in April 2022. In her new role, Kacey oversees the team of analysts supporting the 6 IRB committees and the Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO). As Assistant Director, Kacey's role also includes general oversight of the OIA along with the Directors.



Dan Gonzalez, Non-Committee Supervisor

Dan has been part of the University of California system for over 16 years and has extensive experience overseeing human subjects research. After completing 10 years at the UC Los Angeles IRB, Dan joined the Office of IRB Administration at UC San Diego in 2018. Formerly serving as the Reliance Manager, Dan has now taken the role of Supervisor for the non-committee group, overseeing minimal risk research

reviewed at the Exempt and Expedited levels, as well as reviewing administrative determinations of Non-Engagement and Not Human Subjects Research (NHSR). Dan is passionate about protecting the rights and welfare of humans participating in research and is proud to be part of a community that sparks discoveries that advance society. During his free time Dan enjoys playing soccer and golf, but most importantly spending time with his wife and two children.



Carmen Thompson, Reliance Supervisor

Carmen Thompson joined the UCSD OIA in August as IRB Reliance Supervisor. Prior to joining UCSD, she worked at WCG IRB for 8 years as our IRB liaison. There she worked with all levels of the organization to improve relationships with institutional clients. In that role, she began working directly with researchers and research teams with the implementation of the New Common Rule. Her interest in the field of IRB led her to obtaining her CIP certification in 2018. Prior to her working in the field of IRB, she worked in marketing and communications in the pharmaceutical industry. Carmen currently lives in Puyallup, WA (pew-al-lup) with her husband, children and the cutest Malshi ever named Luna. She enjoys cooking, walking Luna, and Zumba. Carmen is the newest addition to our office and recently started with OIA on August 8, 2022 in the role of Reliance Supervisor. As Reliance Supervisor, Carmen oversees and works alongside the team of analysts conducting administrative and local context reviews of studies submitted for reliance on external IRBs and executing reliance agreements.