How to confirm the In Case of Injury (ICOI) Option # with OSP

1. Log in with your Emory NetID to the Electronic Contracts Tracking System (eCTS): [https://osp.emory.edu/index.html](https://osp.emory.edu/index.html) (click on the middle tile).

2. In the Search field to the right, enter the EPEX proposal ID.
   - If no record appears, it may not have routed in EPEX to OSP yet OR check under the “Search Contracts Not Pending” tab at the top left because the record may be in On-hold, Withdrawn, or Completed status.
   - If you do not know the EPEX proposal ID, you can also try searching using the PI’s name or Sponsor name in the Search field.

   This initial page will show you who the assigned OSP Contracts analyst is on the far right.

3. Click on the hyperlinked Proposal ID and a window will pop up with status details and the confirmation status of the ICOI.

   A. If confirmed at the time*, the ICOI will be indicated in two places—in the middle of the pop-up window with a “Yes” under Option 1, 2, or 3 and in the Details area in caps with the date confirmed.
B. If the ICOI has not been confirmed at the time, it is pending confirmation with the sponsor.

-When a contract initially routes to OSP in EPEX, if it is with a sponsor with whom we have a Master Agreement, the OSP Contracts Analyst can confirm the ICOI in eCTS upon completion of their initial intake.

-If the contract is with a sponsor with whom we do not have a Master Agreement and the subject injury language in the sponsor’s contract template falls within Emory’s Subject Injury Policy Options 1, 2, or 3, the OSP Contracts Analyst is able to confirm the ICOI in eCTS upon completion of their initial intake.

-If the contract is with a sponsor with whom we do not have a Master Agreement and the subject injury language in the sponsor’s contract template does not fall within Emory’s Subject Injury Policy Options 1, 2, or 3, the OSP Contracts Analyst must redline and negotiate that language with the sponsor until the language falls within one of the options per the Policy and then can confirm in eCTS when they have reached an agreement with the sponsor on that language. If the language must be negotiated, OSP Contracts Analysts generally try to edit the language to conform with Option 2 on the initial redlines to the sponsor.

Emory’s current Subject Injury Policy can be found here: https://irb.emory.edu/_includes/documents/sections/subjectinjuryct.pdf

*****The data in eCTS does not update in real time, but rather, refreshes every day at 5am.

C. When the ICOI is confirmed in eCTS, the study team representative may take a screenshot of the eCTS window and upload it to the eIRB record as sufficient confirmation by OSP for IRB.
Potential Causes for Delay of Confirmation of ICOI by OSP

1. When the Sponsor has engaged a Contract Research Organization (CRO) and there is a middleman in the negotiations.

   -If the counterparty to the contract is the CRO instead of the Sponsor, the subject injury language will be found in a separate agreement called the Letter of Indemnification (LOI). Generally, an LOI template is not initially included in the EPEX routing package and the OSP Contracts Analyst must request it from the CRO contact on the initial contact, wait to receive it, and then review, redline, and negotiate the subject injury language.

   -Contract negotiations generally take longer if a CRO is involved because they often must seek approval from the sponsor on revisions before responding back to Emory.

2. For Sponsor-initiated protocols, the subject injury language is usually a hybrid of Options 2 and 3 and the OSP Contracts Analyst must edit the language to conform with one of the two options. The OSP Contracts Analysts generally include a link to Emory’s Subject Injury Policy so that the counterparty can see their options directly. Sometimes there are a few rounds of back-and-forth to finalize the subject injury language into Option 2 or 3.

3. Sometimes, there is no subject injury language in the template contract at all so the OSP Contracts Analyst will add Option 2 language and negotiate with the counterparty until both sides agree.

4. Sometimes, it becomes apparent that the subject injury language in the contract and the ICOI language in the ICF are not aligning via communications between OSP, IRB, and the study team, in which case, it may take additional time to align between Emory and the sponsor.

How OSP Receives a Contract Assignment

1. Contracts with funding that need to be reviewed, negotiated, and executed by OSP must be submitted to the appropriate Research Administrative Services (RAS) Unit for routing in EPEX. This includes, without limitation, an editable Word version of the draft contract template, sponsor contract contact information, the Protocol/Research Plan/Scope of Work, the draft ICF, and the eCOI form.

2. Once the EPEX proposal routes to OSP, a record is created in eCTS and assigned to the OSP Contracts Analyst assigned to the department. The assigned OSP Analyst by department can be found here: https://osp.emory.edu/about/dept-listing.html

3. Based on the agreement type, OSP has target turnaround times for when the initial redlines should be sent to the sponsor contact and it is within this time that the confirmation of the ICOI is evaluated.