

**Saint Louis University  
Institutional Review Board  
Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Program**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the QAR Program?**

The QAR Program is part of the

**Who will be involved in the QAR visit?**

Typically the IRB Analyst who oversees your department. Other individuals may attend for training, support, or expertise purposes.

**Where will the review take place?**

The QAR team is dedicated to making this review as convenient as possible for you. In order to facilitate on-site review activities, we do request that the visit occur in or near your research space. Some visits also require the availability of a conference room or a quiet area with access to a photo copier for record reviews.

**What can I do to prepare for the visit?**

While there is nothing required of you to prepare for the visit, researchers are encouraged to review their research materials in advance of the visit. The [QAR Investigator Self-Assessment](#), available on the QAR Website, provides a good example of the types of things the QAR team assesses at reviews.

**Who will be notified about the results of the QAR review?**

The PI and research team members present at the visit will get the detailed summary (if applicable) and final report from the QAR visit. Department Chairs, the SSM Health Representative (if research is conducted at an SSM Health site) and the IRB will be copied on the final report.

**How often are QAR visits conducted?**

We currently conduct approximately 10 visits per year.