# **CASE STUDY**

# IRB Review for Multicenter Study

Client: CRO for a Small Pharmaceutical Company

### SITUATION

A small-tier pharmaceutical company and their CRO approached Pearl IRB with an urgent need for an IRB review for a multi-site Phase III registration study for their oncology drug. Client personnel had contacted another commercial IRB who had told them that it would be over a month before they could review their protocol.

### SOLUTION

Pearl quickly slotted the study into the next IRB board meeting and committed to an eight day review process. While the timeline slipped one week due to client contract processes, Pearl IRB staff was able to easily move the study to the following board meeting.

#### RESULT

Pearl demonstrated agility and flexibility in working through this with the sponsor and the CRO. From first day of contact, Board review was under fifteen days. The Board co-chair followed up with some requested information and changes, and the client was responsive resulting in a rapid study kick off.

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