Oversight of multicenter clinical trials is complicated by the traditional approach of redundant review by multiple local IRBs. There have been calls for streamlining this process, and some peer institutions are relying on a central IRB for these scenarios. However, this model has its own drawbacks, and there are few data to guide decisions. We recently conducted a novel pilot project with strong interest and support from the UNC research community. The aim of the pilot was to assess the feasibility and acceptability of reliance on any external IRB already involved with a multicenter trial, provided certain criteria were met, and to gather the data and experience needed to support an evolutionary (…perhaps revolutionary) policy change at UNC.