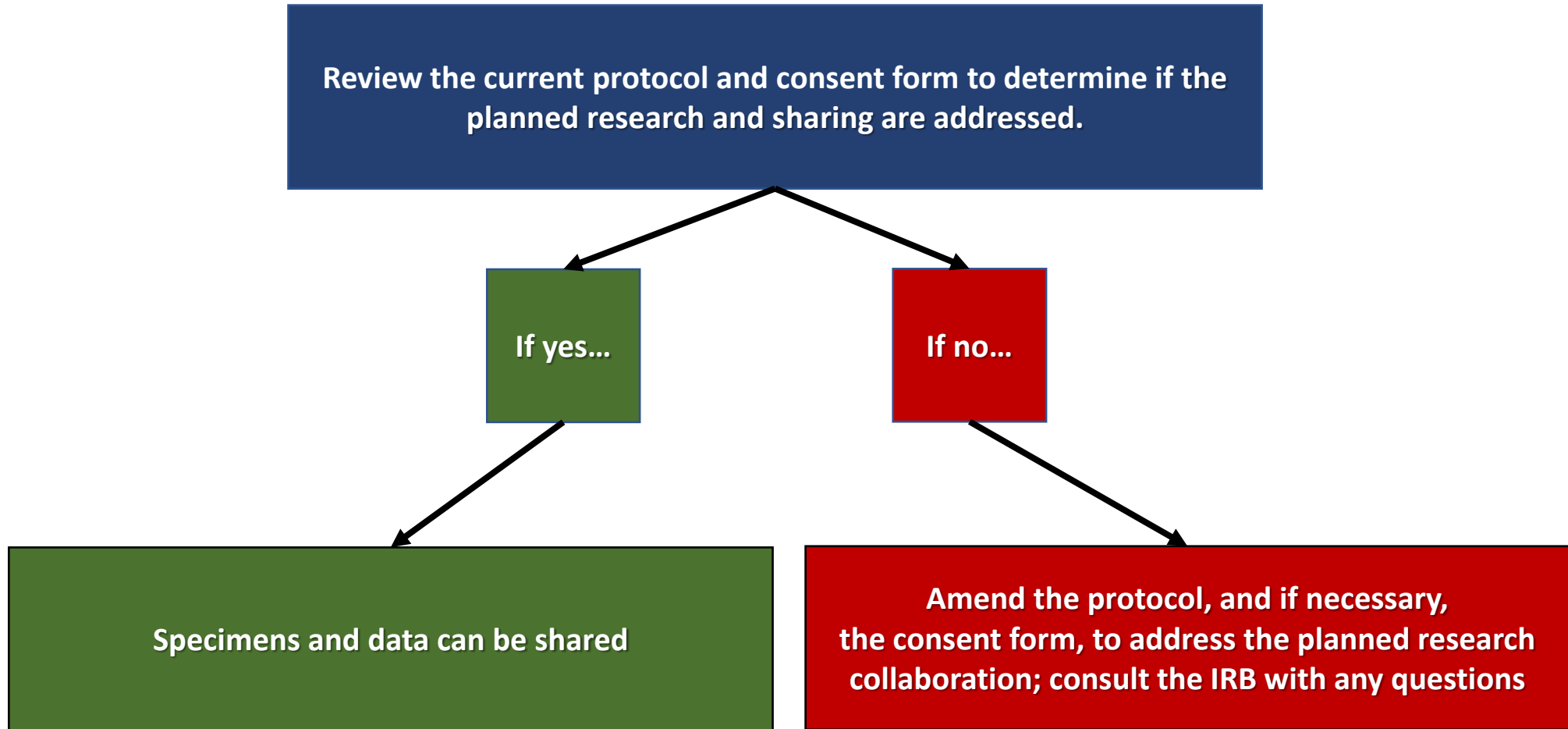


## Can I Share Specimens or Data from My IRB-Approved Protocol for Primary Research\*?



**\*Primary research:** research use of biospecimens or data for the original purpose(s) for which the biospecimens or data were initially collected through interaction or intervention with living individuals

# Can I Share Specimens or Data from My IRB-Approved Protocol for Secondary Research\*?

Review the consent form associated with the protocol to determine which scenario below is true. There is....

Consent language which addresses sharing for future research and

1) it is either consistent with the planned research or

2) allows for broad future use

No consent language about sharing for future research, i.e., it is silent, or the original consent form is missing (e.g., for a closed protocol)

Consent language which addresses sharing for a specific type of future research; however, the planned research is not consistent with what is stated

Consent language which explicitly states that specimens or data will not be shared

Specimens and data can be shared<sup>1</sup>

Specimens and data cannot be shared<sup>1, 2</sup>

\***Secondary research:** research use of biospecimens or data for other than the original purpose(s) for which the biospecimens or data were initially collected through interaction or intervention with living individuals

<sup>1</sup> If you will receive research results that you can link back to identifiers after sharing specimens or data, the project is considered to be human subjects research. You must submit a secondary research protocol to address the planned research and seek IRB approval prior to initiation of the activities. The protocol must include new consent or a justification of a waiver of consent for the planned research.

<sup>2</sup> In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to re-consent the subject to allow their specimens and data to be shared. Consult the IRB if you wish to proceed with sharing.