

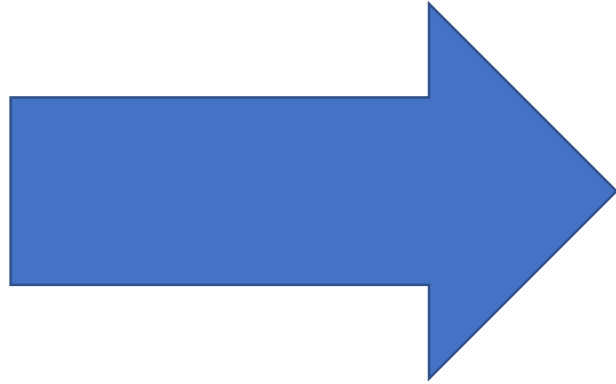
# **The Research Review Process.**

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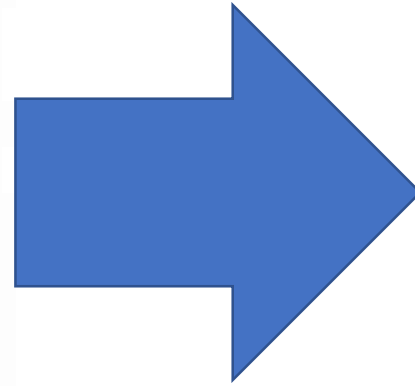
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## **STEP NUMBER 1**

### **OWN INSTITUTION**

- **Final protocol**  
( versioned and dated)
- **Permission Letter(s)**
- **Institutional approval**
  
- [www.mrcz.org.zw](http://www.mrcz.org.zw)



## STEP NUMBER 2

- **Submit to MRCZ & MCAZ if clinical trial concurrently**
- **Submit to MRCZ only if it is not a Clinic Trial**

# MRCZ Review Process

- Can be expedited or normal review
- Internal Reviewers (primary reviewer)
- External Reviewers

# Special Populations (Need for extra protection)

- Adolescents
- Pregnant Women
- Children
- Sex-Workers
- MSM

# Taken into Consideration

- Consent – Participant, Parent, Both Parents
- Consent Waiver
- Husband/Partner Involvement
- Level of Risk – Pediatrics Research
- Recruitment strategies
- Retention Strategies

- Comments from reviewers are consolidated and deliberated on monthly
- Turn around period 4-6 weeks
- **A Straight Approval**  
**or**  
**A Conditional Approval**

# Conditional Approval



- Foreigner - RCZ
- Foreign Agents (Zimbabweans receiving foreign funding) - RCZ
- It involves Genetically Modified Organisms as in VACCINE trials - NBA



**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL  
LETTER**



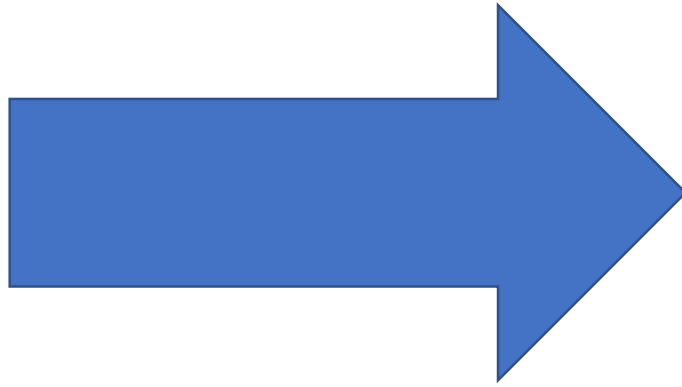
### **STEP NUMBER 3**

**Research Council  
of Zimbabwe for a  
Research Permit**



**Equipped with a  
RCZ Permit,  
Researcher  
Goes Back to  
MRCZ**

**RESEARCHER FROM RCZ  
WITH PERMIT**



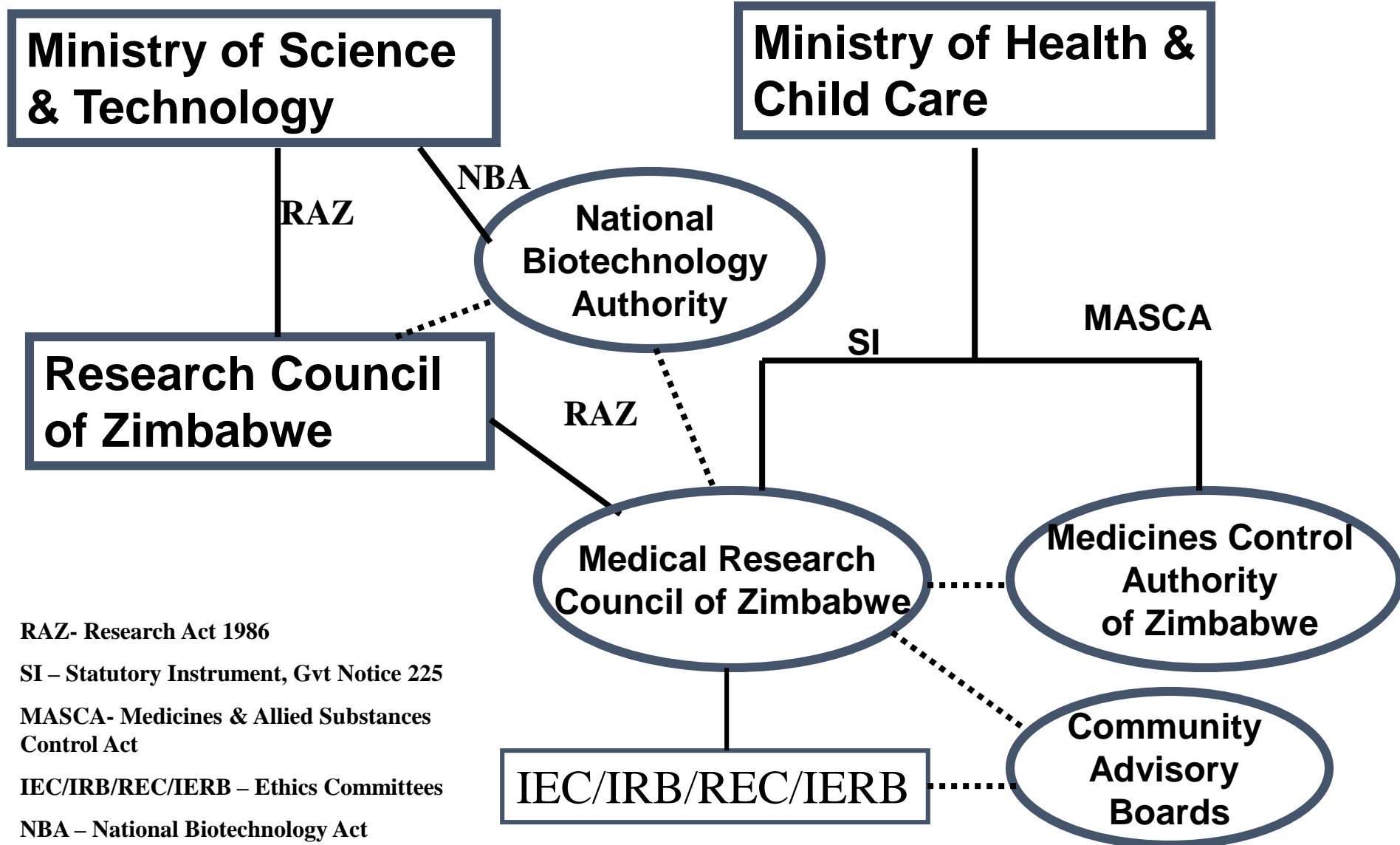
**STEP NUMBER 4**

**MRCZ APPROVAL  
LETTER IS ISSUED**



**RESEARCH  
FIELD**

# SUMMARY



# Carrying Out Research in Zimbabwe

- Comply with Zimbabwe ethics guidelines
- Comply with Zimbabwe processes
- Subject to safety monitoring

# Thank You and Questions

