The “Responsible Party” refers to the entity or individual who is responsible for registering a trial in a clinical trial registry data bank (i.e. ClinicalTrials.gov). The Responsible Party is the only user who is able to “release” the initial record and future updates for public view. The Responsible Party is also responsible to ensure that the trial registration stays accurate and up-to-date. There can only be one Responsible Party per trial registration.

- **Industry Initiated Clinical Trials** (administered through the Office of Clinical Trial Administration (OCTA))
  - The Sponsor is the Responsible Party

- **All other Applicable Clinical Trials**:
  - Federally funded (including NIH)
  - Investigator-Initiated (regardless of funding)
  - Unfunded
  - The Principal Investigator is the Responsible Party