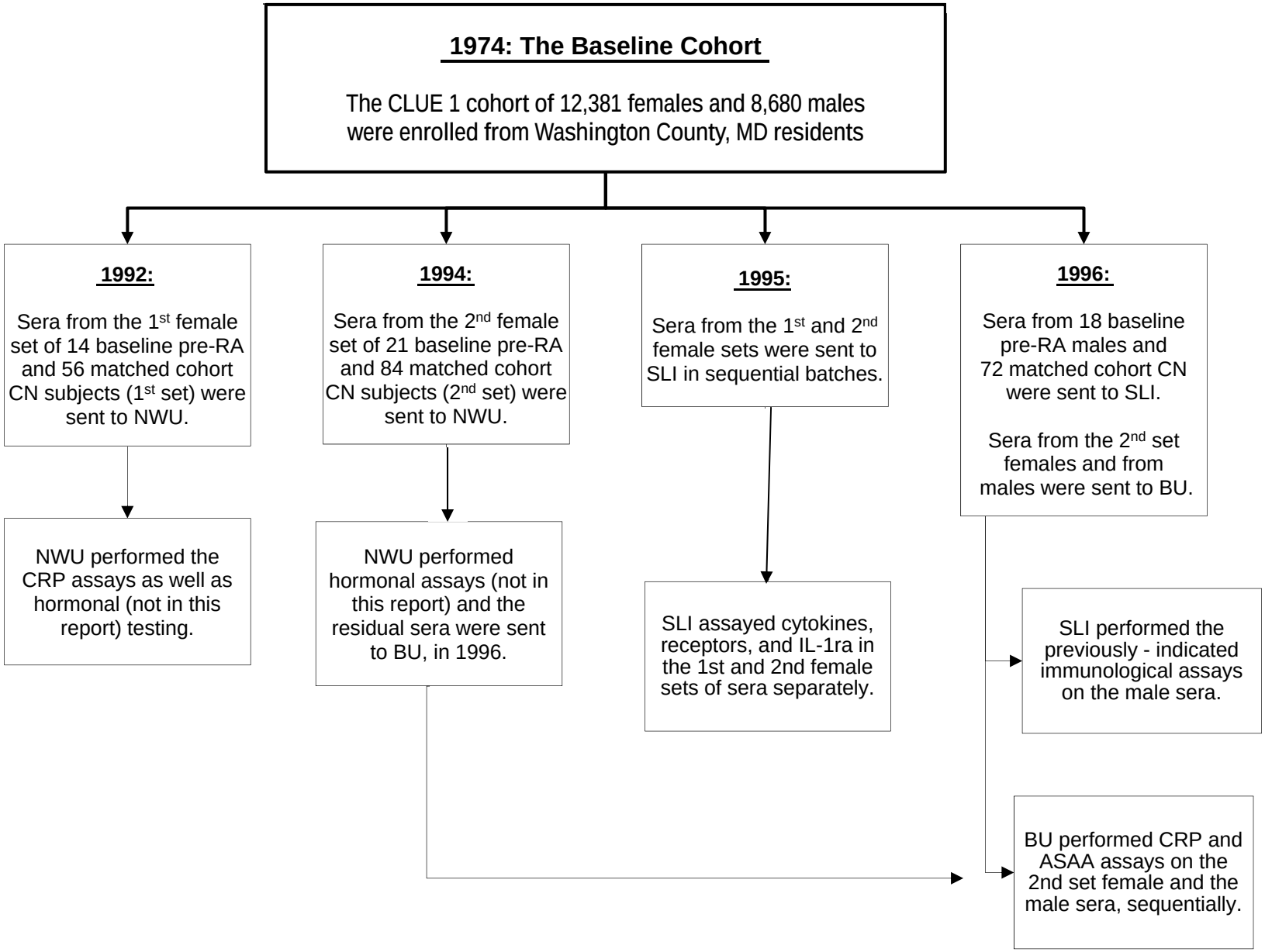
Figure 1


1974: The Baseline Cohort
The CLUE 1 cohort of 12,381 females and 8,680 males were enrolled from Washington County, MD residents
1992:
Sera from the 1st female set of 14 baseline pre-RA and 56 matched cohort CN subjects (1st set) were sent to NWU.
1994:
Sera from the 2nd female set of 21 baseline pre-RA and 84 matched cohort CN subjects (2nd set) were sent to NWU.
1995:
Sera from the 1st and 2nd female sets were sent to SLI in sequential batches.
1996:
Sera from 18 baseline pre-RA males and 72 matched cohort CN were sent to SLI.
Sera from the 2nd set females and from males were sent to BU.
NWU performed the CRP assays as well as hormonal (not in this report) testing.
NWU performed hormonal assays (not in this report) and the residual sera were sent to BU, in 1996.
SLI assayed cytokines, receptors, and IL-1ra in the 1st and 2nd female sets of sera separately.
SLI performed the previously - indicated immunological assays on the male sera.
BU performed CRP and ASAA assays on the 2nd set female and the male sera, sequentially.