Triage
Process the intake of submission and prepares submission for IRB review

Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and IRB triage

IRB Analyst Review
IRB Analyst conducts review of submission

Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and IRB analyst

IRB Exempt Registration
Research team will receive an IRB exempt registration memo indicating the research can proceed

Local Context Review
For some research, a local context review may be conducted with a subject matter expert during the review of the submission.
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Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and IRB analyst

IRB Designee Review
One IRB Designee conducts final review of submission
Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and the IRB analyst and/or designee

IRB Approval
Research team will receive an IRB approval letter indicating the research can proceed

Local Context Review
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Approved with Stipulations
Stipulations resulting from final IRB review that must be addressed by the research team and reviewed by the IRB before final IRB approval is issued.

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GW IRB Review Process

**FULL BOARD**

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- Process the intake of submission and prepares submission for IRB review
- Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and IRB triage

**IRB Administrator Review**
- IRB Administrator conducts review of submission and assigns to a full board meeting for review
- Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and IRB administrator

**IRB Full Board Review**
- Submission is reviewed at a full board meeting with majority of members present
- Collaborative process which may involve back and forth communications between the research team and the IRB reviewers or board

**IRB Approval**
- Research team will receive an IRB approval letter indicating the research can proceed

**Consultant Review**
- For some research, a subject matter expert may also review the IRB submission

**Approved with Stipulations**
- Stipulations resulting from final IRB board review that must be addressed by the research team and reviewed by the IRB before final IRB approval is issued.

**Deferred**
- When criteria of approval is not met, a deferral letter is issued to the research team. The response to the deferral will be reviewed at a future IRB meeting.