GW IRB Review Process

**EXEMPT**

(Minimal Risk) Studies

**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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**EXPEDITED**

( Minimal Risk ) Studies

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

**IRB Analyst Review**
IRB Analyst conducts review of submission

**IRB Designee Review**
One IRB Designee conducts final review of submission

**IRB Approval**
Research team will receive an IRB approval letter 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.

**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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**FULL BOARD**

(Greater than Minimal Risk) Studies

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

**IRB Administrator Review**
IRB Administrator conducts review of submission and assigns to a full board meeting for review

**IRB Full Board Review**
Submission is reviewed at a full board meeting with majority of members present

**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.

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