GW Policy on IRB Approval Actions

It is the policy of GW that the IRBs may act on a research application to grant approval, with or without administrative changes required to the application or application documents, or table an application and defer action until additional material is supplied to make required IRB determinations.

- When the convened IRB requests clarification or modifications that are relevant to the determinations required by federal regulations, or requests responses to questions about controverted issues raised during the convened discussion, the IRB may not grant approval with administrative changes. Such applications must be tabled and final action deferred until the PI’s response and revised materials are discussed by the IRB at a future convened meeting.
- The IRB may issue approval with administrative changes. Such action requires the PI to provide specific corrections in the application documents, and/or verification of data, prior to release of approval documents. The review of such changes may occur using an expedited review process.