Health Sciences IRBs Submission & Review Process for Studies Reviewed by the Convened IRB
April 10, 2012

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If scientific review required, this occurs before IRB Administrative Review or IRB Pre-review.

Review of administrative issues (e.g., confirm human subject training, verify funding information).

If no issues identified during or once issues addressed from IRB Administrative Review the application is forwarded to IRB Pre-review.

Review by IRB (Full Initial Review)

Modifications may be requested and need to be resolved before study can be scheduled to IRB for review.

Convened IRB Review

Modifications may need to be resolved before final IRB approval of study can be granted.

APPROVAL

Protocols that fall under VA purview require VA Research & Development Committee endorsement prior to being forwarded for formal IRB review.

Protocols that fall under VA purview require VA Research & Development (R&D) Committee approval after convened IRB review.

The IRB places an administrative hold on VA studies. VA R&D approval is needed to lift the IRB’s administrative hold.

Those protocols that qualify for review by the Western IRB follow a separate process.