IRB Research Application Submission and Approval Process

Applications are received and logged in by the IRB staff, which conducts an initial administrative review. If revisions are noted by staff, the protocol is returned with an amendment request. If the proposal is exempt, the administrator typically makes that determination and provides a notice to the investigator that the study does not require IRB approval. If the proposal is either expedited or requires full board review, the process in this flow chart is followed.