CMU IRB RELIANCE
IRB Submission & Review Process

PPI submits IRB Application [or IRB Amendment] and R(s) IRB documentation to the Reviewing IRB

Reviewing IRB
HRP staff conduct initial pre-review/assessment; works with the PPI to have protocol “IRB Ready”

Reviewing IRB
sends the “IRB ready” protocol to Relying IRB(s) to identify any substantive and/or local issues

Relying IRB(s)
sends comments to Reviewing IRB

Reviewing IRB
reviews protocol, if approved provides approved documents to Relying IRB(s)

R(s) at Relying Site may initiate research if all institutional requirements are met (e.g., sub-contract finalized)

PPI/R(s) secure all Departmental, School and Institutional approvals (e.g., other regulatory committee approvals) required at their institution.
PPI working with Reviewing IRB obtains approvals from the Reviewing institution. R(s) at Relying site secures approvals from Relying institution.
PPI at Reviewing Site may initiate research if all institutional requirements are met (e.g., contract finalized)

*NOTE: Timeline estimates do not include PPI/ R(s) response time, IRB determinations requiring revisions and/or resubmission, and review timelines for other regulatory committees.

The Project Principal Investigator or 'PPI' is the primary individual responsible for submission of required applications and reports to the Reviewing IRB.
The Relying Investigator or 'Rl' is the Principal Investigator or Lead Researcher (LR) at the Relying institution.