



## Outcomes of the Ethics Review Process

Upon completion of the initial ethical review, the IH REB Chair, on behalf of the IH REB, will communicate to the Principal Investigator (PI) in writing via an *IH REB Report of Review*. The Report will indicate one of the following levels of approval:

**Approved:** the Certificate of Approval will be issued to the Principal Investigator.

**Provisional Approval:** approval will be granted once the requested clarifications are provided or modifications are made.

**Deferred:** major revisions are required. Revisions will be reviewed at the first available meeting of the IH REB and an approval decision communicated to the PI in writing.

**Not approved:** The research project must have full board review for disapproval; it cannot be decided by delegated review.

Initial approval is granted for a maximum of one year. If the project duration is greater than one year, the Principal Investigator must apply for renewal of ethical approval per policy *RR0500 Renewals*.

Research may not begin until all applicable approvals are in place and a Certificate of Institutional Approval has been granted by the IH Research Department. At a minimum, all research in IH requires Ethical Approval and Operational Approval. For more on Operational Approval, see the IH Research Department web page.