

### 12.3 Deferral

The term “deferral” is used to describe the situation in which an IRB determines that substantive changes must be made before approval may be granted. The PI’s response, including any amended materials, must be reviewed by the convened IRB.

Subject to IRB discretion, a proposal may be withdrawn if the PI does not respond to a deferral within a reasonable amount of time. If the investigator wishes to conduct a study that has been withdrawn, he/she must submit a new application, incorporating comments from the prior IRB review.

Unless otherwise specified, the approval period for research protocols that are deferred is one year from the date of the last convened meeting at which approval was granted or minor changes were stipulated.