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National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Central Institutional Review Board (CIRB) using facilitated review. The NCI CIRB was designed to 1) improve access to NCI-sponsored Cooperative Group clinical trials for potential study participants and their physicians by enabling local IRBs to rapidly approve clinical trials through the use of a facilitated review process; 2) enhance the protection of study participants by providing consistent expert IRB review at the national level; and 3) reduce the administrative burden for local IRBs and research staff. Since this Institution has completed enrollment in the CIRB Initiative by submitting a completed CIRB Application, submitting two signed Authorization Agreements, and including the CIRB on the Institution's FWA, the local IRB and investigators may take advantage of the CIRB's reviews.