

What if my study is deferred by the IRB?

It is normal, and it is part of the iterative process of IRB review, for you to receive a “Deferred” determination after your first review. Detailed comments from the reviewer are provided to you. In addition, should you seek additional support, here is how you can obtain it:

IRB Deferrals:

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<p>At every deferral, including the first, you and your mentor/instructor are sent a copy of the decision letter and detailed instructions regarding how to address the review.</p> <p>In that letter you will find a clear statement recommending that you schedule a phone consultation with the IRB to discuss the review if you have any questions.</p> <p>The link to the IRB phone appointments scheduling page is included in that letter. You can immediately schedule that call.</p>	<p>At each deferral, including the first, you and your mentor are sent a detailed decision letter, along with detailed instructions regarding how to address the review.</p> <p>One recommendation following a deferral from the full committee is to hold a conference call with the learner, mentor, IRB office staff member, and full IRB committee member to discuss the review, and address any questions that you or your mentor may have about that review. The call may also include additional faculty from your program, depending on the specific concerns of the study.</p>
<p>You may schedule subsequent calls, as needed, to discuss additional questions about the review.</p>	<p>After each review, a conference call may be repeated as above, depending on the specific concerns of the study.</p>
<p>The IRB office may additionally conduct a proactive outreach to you and your mentor, to request a consultation including the IRB reviewer, on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific concerns of the study. This is offered to facilitate more complex revisions.</p>	<p>The IRB chair or faculty reviewer may engage in additional consultation with your School faculty, depending on the specific concerns of the study.</p>
<p>The IRB office may engage in additional consultation with the IRB chair, and/or your School faculty, depending on the specific concerns of the study.</p>	<p>At every review iteration, the letter to you and your mentor will include a recommendation to contact the IRB office by email should you have any questions about the review. IRB office staff may consult with the full IRB committee members as needed.</p>
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