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Frequently Asked Questions for Green Lane Review

1. **What is the Green Lane Review?**
   The Green Lane Review is an enhanced Institutional Review Board (IRB) pathway designed to provide faster ethics review for eligible industry-sponsored clinical trials. It helps accelerate research without compromising participant safety or ethical standards.

2. **Does the Green Lane Review compromise ethical standards?**
   No. All research continues to be evaluated using the same ethical, safety and regulatory criteria required for human subject protection.

3. **What are the expected IRB turnaround time for the Green Lane Review?**
   For submissions which are complete and compliant application, the estimated turnaround time would be around 3 weeks. Actual turnaround time will depend on completeness and quality of submission packages.

4. **How often is the Green Lane Review conducted?**
   There will be two Full Board meetings per month for Green Lane Review with effect from 1 April 2026. Please refer to the IRB Submission CIRB Submissions page for the meeting schedule.

5. **When is the submission deadline for Green Lane Review?**
   Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

6. **What studies qualify for Green Lane Review?**
   New studies sponsored by industry partners (e.g. Pharmaceuticals companies, CROs, etc).

   NOTE: IRB review will commence only upon receipt of a complete and compliant application. All required documents must be submitted together and be consistent with one another. Applications must also meet administrative requirements, such as correct use of IRB templates, accurate document versioning and free of typographical errors. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be returned without review.

7. **Can investigator-initiated trial opt for Green Lane Review?**
   As of now, the Green Lane Review is only open to industry sponsored trials.

8. **Does sponsored-HBR study qualify for Green Lane Review?**
   Yes, as long as the study is sponsored by industry partners (e.g. Pharmaceuticals companies, CROs, etc), it will be reviewed by Green Lane Review.

9. **How do I submit a study for Green Lane Review?**
   The submission process is the same as other submission. However, please select “CIRB B” under Section B1.(b) and select the appropriate speciality in Section B1. (c) of the IRB Application Form in ECOS.

10. What are the charges for Green Lane Review?

The standard IRB Review Fees for studies initiated by industry or commercial entities will apply.

11. Can existing approved studies be transferred to the Green Lane Review Board?

No. Existing approved studies will remain with the original Board that approved them.