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## RECONFIGURING THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IRB

### Goals

- Improve quality
- Improve consistency
- Improve efficiency
- Enhance reviewer experience

## Before

- Big
  - 5500 open protocols
  - 1500 FB agenda items/yr
  - 190 total members
- Bulky
  - 10 independent IRBS
    - Meet 1x month for 2 hrs
    - 18-20 items/meeting
  - 15-20 members each (fixed)
    - "Australia effect"
- Slow
  - 55-60 days to approval



## After

- Lean
  - 1 IRB of 7 members
    - Flexible committee
  - 6 meetings/week
    - 1 hr each
    - 7 items/meeting
- Agile
  - Shorter, focused meeting
  - Increased capacity with decreased demand on reviewer
  - Improved consistency
- Fast
  - Decreased times by 10-14 days



