Steps in ePirate

**PreSubmission**
- This means the study has NOT yet been submitted.
- The Principal Investigator (PI) is still working on preparing the study for submission.

**Department Review**
- At ECU, an approver from the PI’s department is required to approve the study before it can go any further in ePirate.

**Ancillary Review**
- Not required for all studies. Those studies utilizing Vidant or ECU patient data (or their medical records or resources) would see this step.

**IRB Assignment**
- The study is now with the UMCIRB and will be assigned to a staff member for pre-review.

**IRB Staff Review**
- The study has been assigned to a staff member for pre-review.

**Expedited (or Exempt) Review in Progress**
- The research study is being reviewed by the UMCIRB Chairperson.

**Assigned to IRB Meeting**
- Sometimes a study must be reviewed by the convened UMCIRB. These studies are placed on the next available IRB meeting agenda.

**Preparing Correspondence**
- Your approval letter and other material (consents, assents, HIPAA Authorizations) are being processed.

**Approved (or Certified Exempt)**
- The study is approved and the PI may begin the study. The PI may NOT begin recruiting participants or conducting other research procedures until this approval is complete.