How is a protocol different than a grant?

- **Grant**
  - High level - scientific concepts
  - May describe several studies
  - Generally has little detail
  - Generally not revised
  - Revisions require approval of funding agency

- **Protocol**
  - High level - scientific concepts
  - Generally describes one study
  - High level of detail for human subjects procedures; moderate level for procedures
  - Revisions require IRB approval

- **Operations Manual**
  - Little or no scientific information
  - High level of detail for specific procedures, measurements, specimen handling
  - Revisions do not require IRB approval; must be consistent with approved protocol

Source: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute [https://irb.research.chop.edu/protocol](https://irb.research.chop.edu/protocol)