Acronym	Term	Explanation
CER	Continuing Ethics Review	REB approval is only ever granted for 1-year or less. Therefore, a CER must be submitted at least 2-weeks prior to each annual expiry date for the REB to review study progress. While there are automated reminders sent from WREM, each researcher is responsible for knowing their own expiry dates and submitting a CER in a timely fashion.
Co-I	Co-Investigator	A study team member who will support the Principal Investigator in conducting the study. Their exact role and day to day duties needs to be outlined in WREM.
CTO	Clinical Trials Ontario	A streamlined review system where one qualified REB serves as the board of record for multiple research sites participting in the same study to facilitate efficient review.
DL1	Delegated Level One	Review level for retrospective studies. Please note that the REBs do not classify any review as "expedited".
DL2	Delegated Level Two	Review level for minimal risk prospective studies. Please note that the REBs do not classify any review as "expedited".
EO	Ethics Officer	Ethics Officers work for Research Western as the administrative support to Western's REBs. Each application is assigned to an EO who manages the file through its entire lifecycle and can reached directly through the "correspondence" feature in WREM.
FB	Full Board	Full Board review is given to above minimal risk prospective studies.
GCP	Good Clinical Practice	An international ethical and scientific quality standard for the design and conduct of trials involving humans.
HC	Health Canada	Regulatory body that oversees drug and device trials.
HSREB	Health Sciences Research Ethics Board	Review board for research in healthcare environments.
LOI (LOI/C)	Letter of Information (& Consent)	Document given to participants in order to explain the research study to them in sufficient detail to facilitate them providing (or declining) informed consent to participate in a research study.
LoRA		Lawson adminstered interface to assess clinical research impact/cost.
NMREB	Non-Medical Research Ethics Board	Review Board for research outside of healthcare environments.
NOL	No Objection Letter	Document issued by Health Canada recording that they have no objection to a clinical trial proceeding according to the reviewed protocol. Neither Initial submissions or amendments will be approved without NOLs (if the nature of the research requires one).
OHRE	Office of Human Research Ethics	Administrative arm of Western's REB under the umbrella of Research Western.
PD	Protocol Deviation	A reportable event where activities on a study diverge from the approved protocol. Please see guidance document.
PI	Principal Investigator	This is a research eligible faculty member (never a student) who maintains overall responsibility for the REB application and study conduct. There can be only one PI for REB purposes.
	Project Owner	This is the person who starts the WREM form and then controls who has access to the form. Only this person can conduct form updates. Form ownership can be transferred. It is recommended that PIs consider form ownership carefully because if team members leave the institution it can affect their ability to access their files with the REB.
QA/QI	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	Studies related directly to assessing the performance of an organization or its employees or students within the mandate of the organization are exempt from REB review.
REB	Research Ethics Board	Group of faculty, experts, and community members trained in TCPS2 who form the group of reviewers for Western's REBs.
ReDA	Research Database Application	The Lawson Health Research Institute administered registration system for research. This is the first step for any research requiring Lawson oversight. Please see https://westernlawsonresearch.ca
ROMEO		The online application system used by Western's REBs prior to September 2017. Some archived documents needed for amendments (in WREM) may be found in ROMEO. However, please note that as of September 2019, researcher access to ROMEO was terminated.
TCPS2	Tricouncil Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans	This is a joint statement between CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC that serves as guidance on conducting ethical research in Canada.
WREM	Western Research Ethics Manager	The online application system currently used by Western's REBs. WREM holds applications to be reviewed by the REBs, facilitates reviewer comments being documented, and is the interface for communication between study teams and the REBs/OHRE.