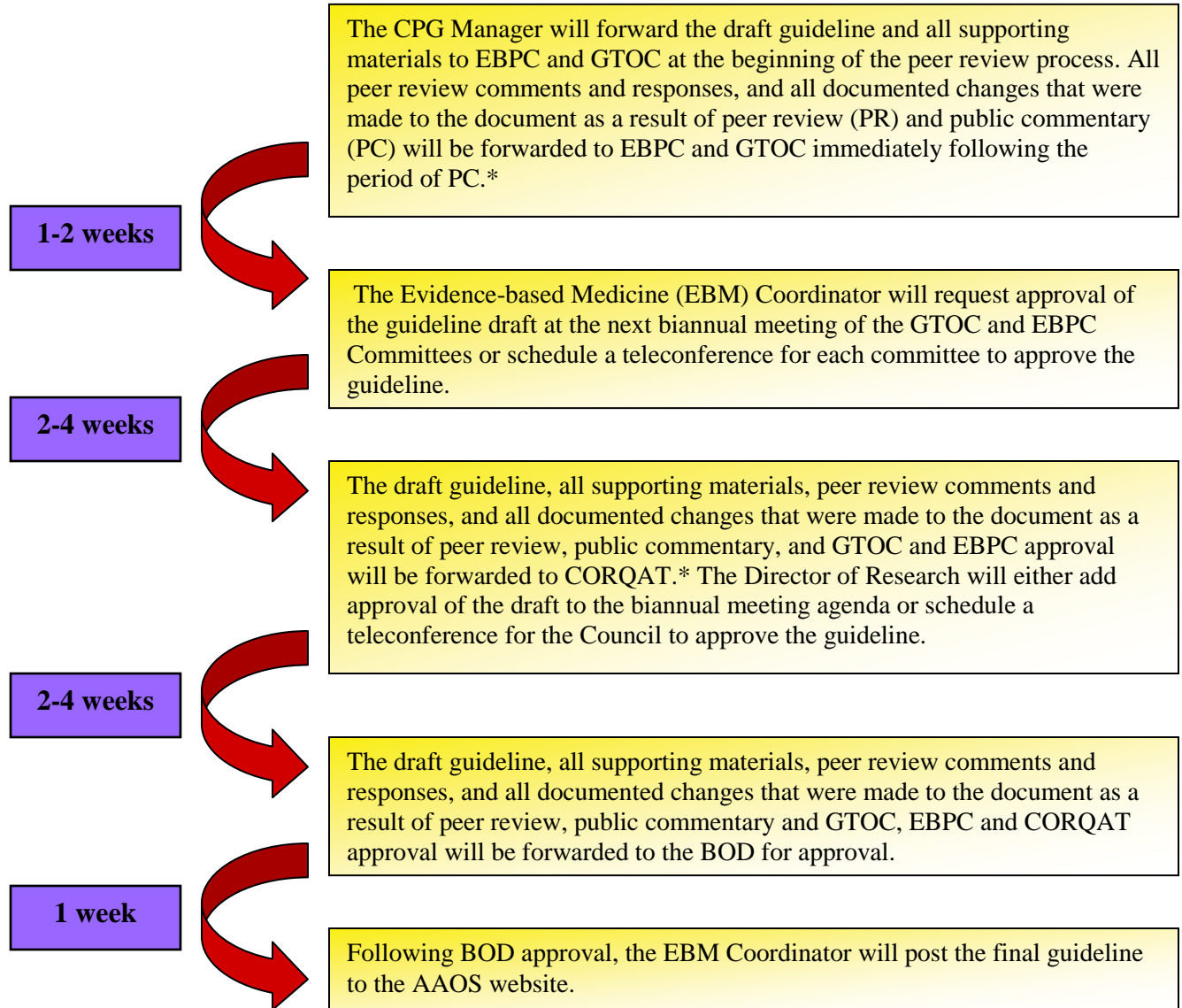


Approval Process
Timeline Initiated 12 - 16 weeks after Final Recommendation Meeting
If any Committee or Council fails to approve the document, the Work group Chair and Work group members must resolve the issue and resubmit for approval.

All documentation is retained in the AAOS Research Department and available from the CPG Manager upon written request.



Timeline Total: 3 – 4 Months

*The CPG Manager submits the draft guideline to all members of the GTOC, EBPC, and the Chair person of the Medical Liability Committee at the beginning of the peer review process to give members a minimum of two months to review the draft. To garner approval at a biannual meeting, the document needs to complete PC a minimum of two weeks prior to the GTOC meeting so the members can review all changes to the document in advance of the meeting. Alternately, the draft is forwarded to all members of the Committee for review for a minimum of two weeks and the members vote to approve the document via teleconference. Similarly, members of the Council on Research, Quality Assessment and Technology must be given a minimum of two weeks to review the document changes prior to voting for approval. BOD members receive the draft guideline, all supporting materials and peer review comments and responses when the document is sent to the BOS and BOC members who have responded to the solicitation for participation for public commentary. This gives the BOD a minimum of thirty days to review the document prior to being asked to approve the materials. The BOD also receives a document detailing any changes made as a result of public commentary prior to the request for approval.