

Welcome!

Speaking at the opening of the AusBiotech conference on October 28 the Minister for Innovation, Gavin Jennings, highlighted the introduction of streamlining ethical review of multi-site clinical trials in Victoria.

In the accompanying press release, Health Minister Daniel Andrews welcomed the initiative and said it would further build Victoria's reputation as a deliverer of pharmaceutical solutions to global health problems.

New developments

The following new documents are now available from:

www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre

- Checklists

Developed to aid Investigators in submitting an ethics application and to address research governance requirements.

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

The reviewing HREC and Research Governance Standards CCHRE Sub-committee have now made SOPs available for reviewing HREC Coordinators and Research Governance Officers.

Don't forget that the CCHRE website www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre contains up to date information and documents to assist users of the streamlined system for ethical review.

Kind regards,

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▶ Two Checklists - Ethics & Research Governance

These checklists are provided to participating organisations for use by Investigators and administrators as a ready reference. A checklist should be attached to **every** ethics or research governance (SSA) application submission. Checklists are available from the website www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre.

▶ Booking in to the streamlining of the ethical review for multi-site clinical trials system

- The CAS line

Call the Central Allocation System (CAS) line to book an ethics application and determine the reviewing HREC. Call (03) 9092 1983.

- 16 Nov 2009 - Ethics review of submissions opens

Reviewing HRECs will be receiving submissions for single ethical review of multi-site clinical trials in Victoria. Check for submission closing dates at the CCHRE website www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre.

▶ AU RED Training

In house AU RED training is available for HREC Coordinators and participating organisation's Research Governance Officers. Contact Campbell Simpson on Campbell.simpson@dhs.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 9092 1987.

▶ Online Forms Website

If investigators or applicants have not previously registered an account, please **create an account** at www.ethicsform.org/au to fill out an ethics application form or SSA form.

▶ IT Help Desk

For any technical problems
Call: 02 9037 8404 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm AEST or
Email: helpdesk@infonetica.net.

▶ Further queries

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