

Welcome to this very important edition of Streamline.

The Consultative Council for Human Research Ethics (CCHRE) is pleased to announce that single ethical review of multi-site clinical trials will commence next month.

This is a Victorian whole of Government initiative developed to: grow clinical trial activity in the state; provide new treatments to patients sooner; and improve health outcomes.

To support the initiative, the CCHRE has now accredited six HRECs to conduct single review of multi-site clinical trials. Each site has extensive experience in this area and a solid track record in clinical trials and ethical reviews.

As we move towards the commencement date, please remember that the CCHRE website contains information to assist users of the streamlined system for ethical review: www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre

We would also like to congratulate Professor Pauline Nugent, a member of the CCHRE, on winning the 2009 Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year and White Pages Community and Government Award which is well deserved.

As Dean of Health Sciences at Australian Catholic University, Pauline has been responsible for a rapid expansion in health courses, research activity and health science education.

Kind regards

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► Start of single ethical review of multi-site clinical trials in Victoria

- 2 Nov 2009 - CAS line opens

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

- 16 Nov 2009 - Open for submissions

Reviewing HRECs will receive 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

► HREC Accreditation

• The accredited reviewing HRECs are:

- Alfred Hospital Ethics Committee
- Austin Health HREC
- Melbourne Health HREC
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Ethics Committee
- Southern Health HREC A and HREC B
- St Vincent's Health HREC D

► AU RED Training

In house AU RED training is currently available for HREC Coordinators/Administration Officers and participating organisation's governance officers. Contact Campbell Simpson to book a one day training session on **03 9092 1987** or email at campbell.simpson@dhs.vic.gov.au.

► Online Forms Website

If investigators or applicants have not previously registered an account please create an account at www.ethicsform.org/au

► IT Help Desk

- Investigators/Applicants with technical questions, contact the IT Help Desk.
- For Form-related questions call **(03) 9092 1987**. Reviewing HREC Coordinators and Research Governance Officers AU RED queries, contact:
Phone: **+61 903 78 404** Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm EST
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► Further queries

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