

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *Streamline*, a regular e-bulletin to keep you informed on the establishment of the new system for ethical review in Victoria and the Consultative Council for Human Research Ethics (CCHRE).

The Victorian Government has committed to developing a streamlined system for ethical review of multi-site clinical trials to reduce the often lengthy delays in the ethical review process.

Governed by the CCHRE, the new system aims to improve timeliness, efficiency and the delivery of new treatments to patients as early as possible in drug/device development.

Ethical review by all organisations participating in a clinical trial will no longer be required. Instead, a single ethical review will be undertaken by one of six accredited Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs).

The new system will be implemented in two stages - appointment of members of the CCHRE proposed for July 2009 and commencement of the single review system by the end of 2009.

DHS is committed to keeping stakeholders up to date on the establishment of the CCHRE and implementation of the new system.

In this edition, you'll find out about the upcoming Information Sessions and Workshops to help you understand the new system and how to use it.

Please feel free to forward this e-bulletin on to others who may be interested or use the content for your own e-newsletters and websites.

Kind regards

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► CCHRE Information Sessions & Workshops

CCHRE Introductory Information Sessions

These sessions will provide a broad overview of the new system, including key changes, how the system will be implemented and the support to be provided to stakeholders during the introduction of the new system.

Session One

When: Friday, 19 June, 2009, 3pm - 5pm

Where: Level 1, Room 1, Urban Workshop,
50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

RSVP: Email multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au
by June 12 to register.

Session Two

When: Thursday, 25 June, 2009, 3pm - 5pm

Where: Level 1, Rooms 2&3, Urban Workshop,
50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

RSVP: Email multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au
by June 18 to register.

CCHRE Application & Forms Workshop - for researchers

Researchers are invited to register for this practical workshop which will provide detailed guidance on using the new system, including filling out the NEAF form and Site-Specific Assessment form.

When: Thursday, 16 July, 2009, 4pm - 6pm

Where: Level 1, Urban Workshop,
50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

RSVP: Email multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au
by June 9 to register.

If there is sufficient interest, DHS will hold a further Application & Forms Workshop for researchers, HREC Administrators and members and industry.

Please email multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending an additional workshop.

► Further Queries

If you have any queries regarding the CCHRE and new system, including the upcoming sessions and workshops, please visit www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics (click Multi-site research) or email multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au.