

## Welcome!

Four months since the introduction of the new system and early feedback is encouraging.

The system has already eliminated the need for approximately 80 additional reviews; a benchmark of 30 working days has been established for HREC approval and, reviewing HRECs are achieving that benchmark in 85% of cases.

Typical user feedback to date has included the following:

*"It will have a positive influence on the ethics process and trial allocation in Victoria"*

*"The support and instruction provided by the CCHRE helpdesk has been crucial!"*

*"It has already avoided duplication of work!"*

The new SSA/Research Governance application process requires initiation by the Principal Investigator and is dependent on receipt of trial documents from the sponsor. Research Governance Officers, reviewing HREC Coordinators and authorising delegates are also important contributors.

Currently, 45% of SSAs have been validated. All in all, a good start, and should continue to improve as users become more familiar with the process.

Kind regards,

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- ▶ **CCHRE website - the place to go**  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre)

## 'Participating Organisations' Information

If you require information on 'participating organisations', go to the CCHRE website, select the quick link under **Applications** on the right side of the Home page. Full contact details are provided for further information.

- ▶ **Use of Ionising Radiation**

There will be \*new\* information on the CCHRE website regarding the use of radiation in clinical trials and the requirements of the Department of Health. Visit the CCHRE website and click on **How to make an HREC Application** page.

- ▶ **Training Available: AU RED**

Following the refresh of the AU RED website, on-site training is available to explain the changes.

**Book an AU RED training session by email:**  
[campbell.simpson@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:campbell.simpson@health.vic.gov.au)

- ▶ **Roadshows for Online Forms**

A new information roadshow is offered combining a presentation on the new Online Forms features and SSA/Research Governance.

**Who should attend the roadshow?**  
Investigators and those involved with research governance.

**Book an Online Forms & SSA/Research Governance Roadshow by email:**  
[multisite.ethics@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@health.vic.gov.au)

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