

Streamline E-bulletin

Streamlining Ethical Review of Multi-Site Clinical Trials | 28 January 2010

Happy New Year!

The new and improved system to streamline ethical review of multi-site clinical trials commenced in November 2009. Off to a great start, the first review of ethics applications took place in December by the accredited reviewing HRECs.

Currently, clinical trials are part of several top government initiatives. We are pleased that the new Victorian streamlined system is an important element of these initiatives.

The Coordinating Office for Human Research Ethics (COHRE) is delighted to welcome Sara Brewer, our new Operations Officer. Sara will be working with the operations team and helping on the Central Allocation System (CAS) line.

As part of the streamlining initiative, the COHRE is working with the Department of Health's Radiation Safety Section to streamline regulatory requirements on using ionising radiation in research. The Radiation Safety Section will contact organisations to communicate all changes.

There will also be an Ethics and Research Governance Forum on 13 August 2010 to discuss the findings around irradiation of research participants.

If you would like to be notified on any matters or meetings relating to the above, please provide a contact email address at:
multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

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▶ CCHRE website - the place to go www.health.vic.gov.au/cchre

Booking ethics applications for HREC meetings

- Submission closing dates and 2010 HREC meetings are now on the CCHRE website.
- The Central Allocation System (CAS) line is open from 10am to 5pm AEST Monday to Friday (except public holidays) throughout 2010.
- Call the CAS line on (03) 9092 1983.

▶ Site Specific Assessment (SSA) & Research Governance meeting

Important SSA is a complex process and requires cooperation and regular communication between all those involved.

To ensure this process runs efficiently, the COHRE is providing assistance and will hold a meeting to address all queries on:

- Friday 12 February 2010 at 3:30pm-4:30pm, at the Urban Workshop, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Who should attend?

- Investigators, Trial Coordinators, Research Governance Officers and HREC Coordinators.

Register to attend by 5 February 2010 at:
multisite.Ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au

▶ Ethics and Research Governance Forums

The first of five forums in 2010 will cover the VMIA Research Governance Toolkit and will be presented by Bill Karanatsios. It will be held on:

- Friday 5 March at 9.15am, at the Urban Workshop, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Register to attend by 19 February 2010 at:
campbell.simpson@dhs.vic.gov.au

▶ Advanced notice: Workshop

The second annual workshop on streamlining ethical review of multi-site clinical trials will be held from 12pm-5pm, Wednesday 5 May 2010 in Melbourne. **Details and registration** for the workshop will be available late March.

▶ Further queries

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