

## Welcome

Thank you to all those who attended the June Introductory Information Sessions on the streamlined system for ethics review of multi-site clinical trials. It was very pleasing to see such a high level of interest regarding the establishment of the new system.

Streamlining ethics review is a complex undertaking, with many people involved and impacted by the changes. We really appreciate your commitment to helping make the new system a success and Victoria a world leader in multi-site clinical trials.

If you missed the Introductory Sessions, you can now download the PowerPoint presentation from the DHS ethics website.

The first of the Application & Forms Workshops will be held on July 16. Due to demand, we've announced a second Application & Forms Workshop, to be held on July 30. Read on for more details and I hope to see you there.

In further developments, the Coordinating Office for Human Research Ethics (COHRE) which will support the Consultative Council for Human Research Ethics, is officially open and ready for business!

This week saw the new COHRE team move in to their offices at 120 Spencer Street.

If we can be of any assistance, please contact the COHRE on Ph: 03 9092 1981 or Email: [multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au).

Kind regards

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## ► Coordinating Office for Human Research Ethics now open

### **The team:**

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## ► Second Application & Forms Workshop - 30 July

**When:** Thursday, 30 July, 2009 (4 - 6pm)

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

**RSVP:** Email [multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au)  
by 23 July.

This workshop is for those who were unable to attend the first forms session. All are invited to register for this practical workshop which will provide detailed guidance on using the new system, including filling out the National Ethics Application Form (NEAF) and Site-Specific Assessment Form.

## ► Would you like to host a CCHRE Roadshow

We'd like to hear from organisations wishing to host an hour long introductory session on the new streamlined system and CCHRE. The Roadshows will be presented by the Coordinating Office and held from August onwards. Please email [multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au) to express your interest in hosting a Roadshow.

## ► Introductory PowerPoint now online

The PowerPoint presentation from the Introductory Information Sessions is now available on the DHS ethics website. Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics) (click Multi-site research) to download today.

## ► Further queries

For more information on the streamlined system for ethical review of multi-site clinical trials, phone 03 9092 1981, visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics) (click Multi-site research) or email [multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au).