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Ethics & Governance Bi-Annual Roundtable - Registrations Now Open

Audience: Research Office

Dear Research Offices, we would like to invite you to attend the second roundtable event for 2023 which will be LHD focused!

[Please register your attendance here.](#)

We understand that sometimes unforeseen circumstances mean you can no longer attend but if you simply have a change of mind, ***we kindly ask that you let us know at least 1 week prior to the event.***

Although there is no cost for you to attend, this is an event that is paid for by the Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU) and by letting us know you can no longer attend, we can allocate your spot to someone else 😊

REGU Webinar: Policy Update and FAQs - Navigating the new fee policy

Audience: Research Office

We are pleased to announce a webinar on the recently updated "Fee Schedule for Research Ethics and Governance Review of Clinical Trial Research" in NSW Public Health Organisations. The Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU), Office for Health and Medical Research (OHMR), has diligently revised and

enhanced the existing Policy Directive (PD2008_030) to address the evolving needs of the clinical trial landscape.

Join us for an informative webinar on the recently released fee policy for clinical trial research in NSW Health Organisations. This webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of the updated policy, explaining the key changes and their implications for researchers and sponsors. We will delve into the schedule of fees for research ethics and governance review, guiding you through the application of fees for various scenarios, such as amendments, additional sites, and sub-studies. We will also address frequently asked questions to ensure a clear understanding of the policy and its implementation. You will have an opportunity to have your questions answered and gain insights into the new fee policy for clinical trial research.



Date: 21st August 2023

Time: 1.30pm-2:00pm

[Register now to secure your spot!](#)

If you have any questions that you would like us to cover at the webinar, please send them to Yagiz.Aksoy@health.nsw.gov.au.

Updated Fee Policy: https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=PD2023_015

New Fee Schedules: https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=IB2023_026

REGU Online Forum Project

Audience: Research Office/Researchers

The Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU) is thrilled to announce the launch of their much-anticipated Collaborative Online Forum Project, and can't wait to share all the exciting details with you! You can read more about this exciting new initiative from the REGU team below.

What is the Collaborative Online Forum Project all about?

The Collaborative Online Forum is an innovative platform designed to foster open and respectful discussions among our esteemed stakeholders – that's you! Our goal is to create a safe space where we can all engage, learn from each other, and share valuable resources and insights. Together, we'll navigate the complexities of research ethics and governance, ensuring a more efficient and streamlined process for everyone involved.

Why did we initiate this project?

At REGU, we believe in empowering our stakeholders, to thrive in their roles as "system navigators." By connecting you with the relevant resources and encouraging cross-talk and collaboration, we aim to enhance your understanding and interpretation of regulatory policies and guidelines. This project complements our ongoing efforts to provide top-notch support for your ethics and governance functions, minimising confusion and maximising clarity.



Meet Hogan - Our Forum Project Officer!

To ensure the success of this exciting venture, we have onboarded a brilliant and dedicated Forum Project Officer – Hogan Wang! Here is a quick hello from Hogan:

Hi! I am Hogan and I have recently joined the Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU) at the Ministry of Health as a Project Officer. I will be working over the next few months to build a collaborative online forum for REGU and Research Offices where members of the research community can engage with one another, ask questions, share opinions, and receive feedback from their peers. The forum will be designed to be a one stop shop for the research community to access resources necessary to undertake ethics and governance activities. The aim is to have the forum up and running by 2024. I look forward to meeting some of you over the coming weeks as we build out the forum!

What's next?

We are committed to keeping you in the loop throughout the entire journey. Expect regular updates on the project's progress, milestones achieved, and any opportunities to contribute and get involved. Your active participation is what will make this forum truly exceptional.

Get Involved!

Now, here's where you come in! We encourage you to take an active role in shaping this forum's success. Share your insights, resources, and questions – after all, this forum is for YOU! Together, we can create a vibrant and supportive community that will revolutionise the way we collaborate.

Need to get in touch?

For any questions, suggestions, or contributions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Yagiz.Aksoy@health.nsw.gov.au. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we look forward to hearing from you. Let's embark on this exciting journey together and make the Collaborative Online Forum Project a resounding success. We are thrilled to have you on board!

Clinical Trials Education in NSW - Survey



Audience: Clinical Trial Site Staff

clinicaltrialsNSW is interested to learn more about how clinical trial education is managed across the NSW clinical trial workforce.

To gather information that may help inform future initiatives and advice, for clinical trial education in NSW, a survey has been created which is open to all clinical trials site staff working in NSW and may be completed by any individual working at a clinical trial site.

[You can access the survey here](#) which will close on **30 September 2023**.

If you have any feedback that you would like to share outside of the survey, please email clinicaltrialsnsw@health.nsw.gov.au

Implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework - Online Workshops

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

Audience: Research Office/Researcher

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care are hosting a series of free online workshop on the implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework which will be hosted by Dr Bernadette Aliprandi-Costa, Manager, Safety and Quality Improvement Systems.

These workshops will provide valuable insights and advice on:

- Benefits of accreditation
- Embedding clinical trial services into governance systems
- Short notice assessments
- Roles and responsibilities

[Register now for the upcoming workshops](#) being held on:

- Tuesday, 29 August 2023, 12:00pm - 1:30pm
- Wednesday, 30 August 2023, 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday, 6 September 2023, 12:30 pm- 2:00pm
- Thursday, 7 September 2023, 1:30 pm- 3:00pm

[You can find further information regarding the free online workshop on the implementation of the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework here.](#)

Welcome Calvary Health Care Kogarah!



Audience: Research Office/Researchers

[Calvary Health Care Kogarah](#) are now live in REGIS as of early August 2023! The eHealth REGIS team have worked closely with the Calvary Kogarah team to successfully build their requirements into REGIS, provide training and ongoing support to ensure a smooth transition into REGIS.

If you have any questions around the onboarding process, please [contact the REGIS team](#).

Research Office Contribution



[MNCLHD - About Us](#)

The Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD) established a Research Office in 2013. In 2018, the Research & Knowledge Translation Directorate was formed and a Director appointed at the Senior Executive Level. The Directorate provides a central point of contact to develop and support research and knowledge translation within the MNCLHD.

The MNCLHD Governing Board and Chief Executive are keen to promote and foster a culture of research. This is achieved through the attraction, recruitment and retention of highly skilled clinicians with an interest in research to develop and participate in projects to benefit our community and healthcare system.

The Mid North Coast Local Health District Research and Knowledge Translation team:

- Dr Andrew Bailey, Director
- Angela Chapman, Assistant to Director
- A/Prof Christopher Williams, Health Services Research Development Manager (Wed)
- Nicole Raschke, District Manager Research Operations
- Colleen Nosworthy, Research Governance Officer (Mon-Fri)
- Diana Stephens, Research Governance Officer (Mon, Tues, Thu & Fri)

The MNCLHD team can be contacted via email at MNCLHD-Research@health.nsw.gov.au for general research questions or MNCLHD-RGO@health.nsw.gov.au for enquirers directly related to Research Governance.

*Up next is **WSLHD!** We look forward to your contribution for **Issue 16 - 29 August 2023***

Researcher/Coordinator Contributions

Are you part of a research team that has created some great resources or worked through an issue or teamed up with your Research Office to streamline a process? We know this newsletter is going out far and wide AND we also know YOUR colleagues would love to hear what you've been doing. Feel free to send in a short blurb about what you're up to and we'll sing your success from the rooftops!

Upcoming events and dates

Audience: Research Office/Researcher



2023 Events and Dates

Researcher Training: The final training cycle for 2023 is scheduled for **September**. [Register your interest here.](#)

September: The forthcoming HREC Chairs Meeting is scheduled for Friday 8 September. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

September: The forthcoming Ethics and Governance Bi-Annual Roundtable is scheduled for Friday 22 September. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Previous Versions of REGU/REGIS Newsletter

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All previous version of the fortnightly email are available from the REGIS website: <https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/regis-office-webinars/>

REGU/REGIS Newsletter: Inspiring other units within OHMR and LHDs since February 2021