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Mutual acceptance of scientific and ethical review for multi-centre clinical trials between Queensland and Victoria

Welcome

Memorandum of Understanding

Mutual Acceptance has progressed with commencement of single ethics review of multi-centre clinical trials between Queensland and Victoria on 24 October 2011.

There has been good uptake and interest from researchers and sponsors/CROs. Many enquiries have been received and in general users of the system are well informed. A total of twelve applications have been booked through the central allocation and coordinating services to date.

There are exceptions to the single review for some research types and these are outlined in this E-bulletin and the Mutual Acceptance Information Brochure. There are a suite of documents that have been developed for Mutual Acceptance and these are available on state ethics websites.

Remember to phone the respective booking offices in Victoria and Queensland to have a reviewing HREC assigned to review your ethics application.

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Scope of Mutual Acceptance Research

Clinical trial

Interventional research involving a drug/device trial, radiation therapy, surgery, treatment or diagnostic procedure.

Exclusions from Mutual Acceptance

Certain research projects are excluded from Mutual Acceptance because of State specific requirements. The following clinical trials are excluded:

- Clinical trials involving persons in custody or staff of the jurisdictional Justice Health departments
Clinical trials specifically affecting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people and communities
Clinical trials requiring access to statewide data collections
Clinical trials involving persons unable to provide consent and
Clinical trials involving access to coronial material.

The above studies will continue to be reviewed under the current State arrangements. Researchers should contact their local jurisdiction for further detail.

The Mutual Acceptance initiative will give the participating jurisdictions an opportunity to identify any issues that may inform the NHMRC Homer Project. Your feedback would be welcomed.

Information and Supporting Documents

Supporting documents can also be accessed from the websites below and contain all the information investigators and industry need to submit for single ethics review. See the following websites for information:


We look forward to receiving your trials this year.

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If this information is relevant, please disseminate to your contacts and networks.