Research Ethics
British Columbia (REBC)

Update 2018

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BC’s AHSN is taking flight
to achieve better health for British Columbians through the integration of clinical care, education and research.

We're planning the future together
- REBC is now part of the network created by BC AHSN to support health research in BC
- Navigator role to support the Advisory Committee, REBAs and researchers
- PREP has launched!
Research Ethics BC includes academic and health sector stakeholders from across the province. REBC is open to new partners joining.

Current Partners include:

- Fraser Health
- Interior Health
- Island Health
- Northern Health
- University of Northern BC
- University of Victoria
- Simon Fraser University
- University of British Columbia*

*includes Children’s & Women’s, Providence Health Care, BC Cancer, and Vancouver Coastal Health’s Ethics Boards
Review Model

1. **Researcher contacts their local REB**
2. **Coversheet provides information on study to determine Board of Record (BOR)**
3. **Local REB engages other REBs to decide BoR & level of risk**
4. **Review is conducted by BoR in collaboration with other REBs**
5. **BoR works with researcher to address provisions**
6. **BoR approves & provides docs to other REBs & Researcher**
With Provincial Research Ethics Platform (PREP)

Researcher applies in RISE

Review is conducted by BoR in collaboration with other REBs

BoR works with researcher to address provisos

BoR determines by algorithm in the system; can be amended if necessary

BoR approves and system notifies other REBs and researcher
Update on PREP

Soft launch was September 1, 2018

- All researchers from partner institutions have access
  - Training period for non-RiSe users where platform use is not required
  - IT tweaks and adjustments are ongoing

- UBC researchers see a few differences
  - New branch-off for Research Involving Indigenous People (in consultation)
  - System decides on Board of Record (main administrative board)
  - Cleaner Look
6. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND CONSENT PROCESS - HUMAN ETHICS APPLICATION

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6.1. Time to Participate

How much time will a participant be asked to dedicate to the project normal care?

Include how many minutes/hours over how many weeks/months to dedicate to the project.

Ensure that you indicate the number of visits that will be required necessary for each visit. Ensure that you also include this informal amount of time stated in the application must be consistent with (e.g. recruitment letters or posters, protocol, and consent forms).

6.2. Time to Participate - Normal/Control Participants

6.3. Known Risks/Harms
PREP Update Continued...

Hard launch expected by late October 2018
   - As of this date, all researchers from partner institutions who wish to have a harmonized ethical review must use PREP

   - Harmonized studies will not be reviewed off of PREP

   - Researcher and REBA training is available
     - Team has travelled to Victoria, Kelowna, around Metro Vancouver, and has additional training rolling out through the next few months
Reciprocity Agreement

Will be updated shortly to allow for other institutions to join the partnership

Please reach out to us, if you are interested in being apart of it

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