

Human Research Ethics Committees

NOTICE TO RESEARCHERS AND STUDENT RESEARCHERS WHO NEED APPROVAL FROM CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL BRUCE AND ACT HEALTH HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES

We are pleased to announce that from June 2019 there will be a streamlined process for researchers and student researchers requiring low risk ethics approval from these two committees. The group of researchers to whom this requirement typically applies includes

- researchers who conduct low risk research at ACT Health sites, including Canberra Hospital and Canberra Health Services;
- researchers who conduct low research at Calvary Public, Bruce
- researchers, whether employed by Calvary Public Hospital or ACT Health, including honorary appointments, whose low risk research involves access to patients, patient records, facilities and resources of ACT Health and Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce

Researchers obtaining low risk ethics approval from ACT Health will be eligible for expedited review and approval processes at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce HREC.

Researchers conducting interjurisdictional low risk research may be able to access the National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) scheme for single ethical review through ACT Health HREC.

Note: both ACT Health and Calvary Public Hospital will conduct site specific review of all projects. Ethics approval does not equate to site governance approval and approval from one HREC does not guarantee approval or acceptance of the other HREC.

The streamlined process is as follows:

1. Submit application to ACT Health Low-Risk Ethics Committee using the HREA form available via REGIS ([click here](#))
2. Submissions must include a research plan or protocol. Suggested templates are available ([click here](#))
3. Participant Information and Consent forms are to reference approval from ACTH HREC and provide contact details for the secretariat offices at both ACT Health and Calvary Public Hospital.
4. Once approved by ACT Health, submit the same documentation together with a copy of the approval letter as attachments to Calvary Public for expedited review.

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These arrangements have been agreed by both HRECs to support research and researchers by minimising duplication of effort in both application and review process.

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