

## Human Research Ethics Committee Member

### Expression of Interest

Research is a substantial part of what we do in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), as it drives innovation to improve the health of the community we serve. SESLHD's vision is to be recognised as an internationally leading, research-oriented health service that translates research and innovation into practice.

The SESLHD Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) plays a vital role in ensuring that research studies meet the ethical requirements outlined in the [NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007](#) and other relevant legislation. The HREC reviews an array of study types across all clinical specialties to ensure that studies are conducted with scientific rigour, that study participants' safety is protected and their clinical care is not compromised and that researchers are enabled to advance their specialist fields of study.

The SESLHD HREC is seeking expressions of interest from prospective committee members who are willing to review submitted studies and contribute to the HREC meeting. The meetings are currently held virtually on the last Tuesday of each month from 1-5pm. Plans are currently being made to increase the frequency and decrease the duration of meetings however it is anticipated that individual members will still only attend one meeting per month. Expressions of interest are especially sought from:

- Lay men and women;
- Pastoral carers (someone who performs pastoral care in the community, including religious ministers and Aboriginal elders);
- Healthcare professionals;
- Lawyers;
- Biostatisticians and statisticians; and
- Researchers.

Committee meetings are collegial and the purpose is to bring together all members' views on the ethical implications of human research. Training will be provided to successful applicants to ensure that they are well-equipped to review the ethical acceptability of research proposals and submit written feedback via the Research Ethics and Governance Information System (REGIS). Members are appointed as volunteers.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Interest in promoting research, improving healthcare and contributing to the health outcomes of the South Eastern Sydney community.
2. Willingness to become familiar with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (including updates) as well as other relevant guidelines and legislation.
3. Willingness to review research applications, synthesise information and present opinions on the ethical acceptability of proposals in advance of and at HREC meetings.
4. Willingness to use the online Research Ethics and Governance Information System to review applications and submit written feedback that assists researchers to improve their proposals.
5. Willingness to attend education and training programs relevant to research ethics.
6. Availability to attend at least nine monthly meetings per year.
7. Access to a computer and internet that supports use of a web based information platform (REGIS) and Microsoft Teams.

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To express your interest in HREC membership, please address the selection criteria in a brief email with your curriculum vitae attached to [SESLHD-RSO@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SESLHD-RSO@health.nsw.gov.au).