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THE ETHICS OF GOOD RESEARCH

2007 National Research Ethics Conference

17-18 October 2007

Research Ethics Continuing Education Day

16 October 2007

Sebel Citigate Albert Park, Melbourne

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THE ETHICS OF GOOD RESEARCH

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is holding its third conference on ethics in human research, organised by one of its principal committees, the Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC). The 2007 National Research Ethics Conference is also being supported by the Australian Research Council (ARC).

The Conference seeks to promote debate about the ethical dimensions of human research. Good research is ethical in design as well as in conduct. This conference will explore:

- Ways in which researchers can integrate an ethical framework into the design, conduct of and publication of their research;
- How engaging with the broader Australian community, including research participants themselves, can deliver better research with more relevant outcomes for all Australians; and
- How institutions and those responsible for the conduct of the research may enhance research endeavours through sound research governance frameworks.

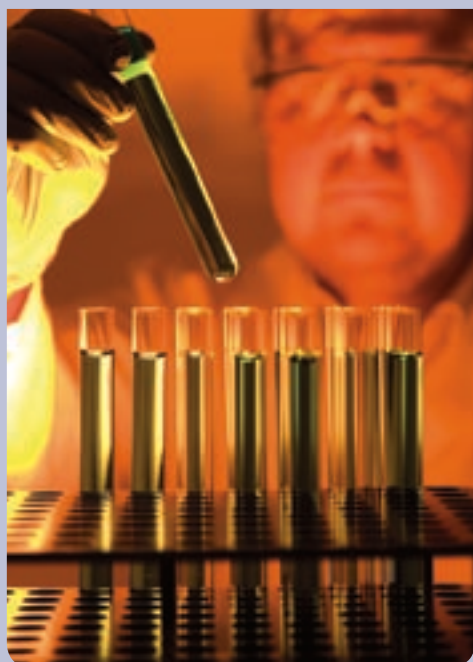
The promotion of responsible conduct and governance of research is a priority for the NHMRC. The Conference presentations and discussions will range widely across ethical issues in designing, reviewing and conducting human research.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The theme for the 2007 National Research Ethics Conference is *The Ethics of Good Research*.

The Conference will be based around four symposium sessions featuring invited speakers each addressing different aspects of the following topics:

- Integrating ethics in designing human research
- Databanks and biobanks: Ethics, governance and public trust
- Consent – why, when and how?
- Institutional governance and ethically good research



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is about sharing information and raising issues for discussion from a range of perspectives. Accordingly, anyone with an interest or engagement in ethics of human research is encouraged to attend, including:

- Members (all categories) of Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs)
- Researchers
- Research participants/members of the public
- HREC administrators
- Institutional managers and administrators
- Students
- Sponsors of research
- Government employees with an involvement in research

Wednesday

17 October 2007

Symposium 1:

Integrating Ethics in Designing Human Research

- Associate Professor David Whiteman, Qld Institute of Medical Research
- Dr Ian Roos, Chair; CancerVoices Australia
- Professor Stephen Ackland, Director of Medical Oncology, Newcastle Mater Misericordiae Hospital
- Dr Lynn Gillam, University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital

Symposium 2:

Biobanks and Data Banks: Ethics, Governance and Public Trust?

- Professor Fiona Stanley, Director, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
- Professor Les McCrimmon, Commissioner, Australian Law Reform Commission
- Ms Karen Carey, Health Consumers Council (WA)
- Professor Margaret Otlowski, Centre for Law and Genetics, University of Tasmania

Concurrent Sessions on Day 1

will include:

- Ethical review and conduct of research with diverse populations I & II;
- Ethics and research governance I & II;
- Integrating ethics, research, design and practice I & II; and
- Databanks
- **Forum:** Investigating Human Research Ethics in Practice

Thursday

18 October 2007

Symposium 3:

Consent - Why, When and How?

- Mr Jeremy Kenner, Ethics Coordinator, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Dr Merle Spriggs: Bioethicist, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
- Associate Professor Terry Dunbar, Charles Darwin University
- Associate Professor Wendy Rogers, Flinders University

Symposium 4:

Institutional Governance and Ethically Good Research

- Professor Michael Good, Director, Qld Institute of Medical Research
- Dr Cristina Torres, Regional Coordinator, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific
- Mr Bill Karanatsios, Victorian Managed Insurance Authority
- Professor Margaret Rose, South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services

Concurrent Sessions on Day 2

will include:

- Ethical review and conduct of research with diverse populations III;
- Integrating ethics, research, design and practice III; and
- Engaging with participants
- **Forum:** Gender equity in research

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



Welcome Reception

Tuesday 16th October 2007 5.15pm – 7.00pm
Sebel Citigate Albert Park

Welcome drinks will be held prior to the conference. What better way to begin the conference than with a relaxing drink, a chance to meet new people and to socialise with colleagues?

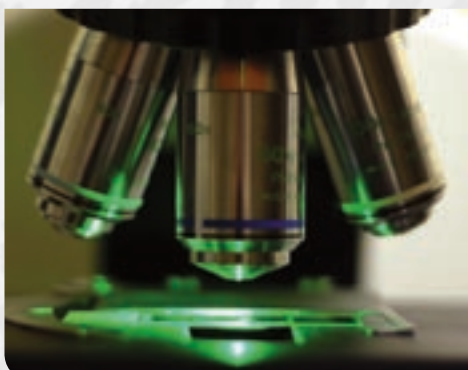
Conference Dinner

Wednesday 17th October 2007 7:00 – 11:00pm

The Powerhouse Function Centre, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park (opposite the conference venue)

This dinner is not to be missed! Enjoy drinks and a three course dinner in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and colleagues.

Dress: Lounge Suit.



Registration Form

2007 National Research Ethics Conference

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Please complete one form per person and return to [The Communication Link](#) via post or fax
Once completed this form is a tax invoice

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If you are an HREC Member please specify which category you belong to: (Please tick)	
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Ticket Details

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All Inclusive Ticket	Includes attendance at 2 day conference, training day, welcome reception and conference dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$675.00
2 Day Conference Ticket (early bird)	Conference ticket includes 2 day conference ticket only (register prior to 28 September)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475.00
2 Day Conference Ticket	Conference ticket includes 2 day conference ticket only (register after 28 September)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525.00
Day 1 Conference Ticket	Includes conference attendance on 17 October only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275.00
Day 2 Conference Ticket	Includes conference attendance on 18 October only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275.00
Concession Ticket- 2 Day Conference Ticket only	Conference ticket includes 2 day conference ticket	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325.00
Conference Dinner Ticket	Includes 1 ticket to conference dinner on 17 October	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00
Training Day Ticket	Includes attendance at Training Day only on 16 October	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
HREC Training Day ticket - 5 or more members	Includes attendance at Training day for 5 or more members of a HREC	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750.00
Welcome Reception	Includes attendance at conference welcome reception	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00

*All prices include GST

If attending Continuing Education Day, please indicate which session you will attend:

Essential Research Ethics Qualitative Research and Clinical Trials HREC Chairs Roundtable

Payment details

Type of Card: Amex Diners Visa MasterCard

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Continuing Education Day

Sebel Citigate Albert Park, Melbourne

Tuesday 16 October, 2007, 9.00am - 5.00pm

CONTINUING EDUCATION DAY

Registrants may choose between:

- A day-long research ethics course, *Essential Research Ethics*; or
- Two half-day sessions – one on qualitative research and one on clinical research; or
- The HREC Chairs' Roundtable (for HREC Chairs only).

1. Essential Research Ethics 9am-5pm

This will follow the pattern established in the NHMRC's research ethics training courses in 2004 and at the 2005 conference. It is designed for those new to research ethics, whether as researchers or members of HRECs, and will apply the essential chapters of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research to case studies in a small group process.

2. HREC Chairs' Roundtable 8am-5.10pm

This day-long meeting is designed for HREC chairs and offers an opportunity for them to share and learn from their shared experience. As it is a meeting rather than education the Roundtable does not incur a registration fee.

3a. Clinical trials 9am-12.30pm

This session is designed for those needing greater familiarity with the ethics of interventions and therapies, including clinical and non-clinical trials, and innovations - whether as researchers or as members of HRECs. It will address the recurrent issues that emerge in the design, conduct and reporting of clinical research and will consider relevant chapters of the National Statement. Specific problems discussed will include the monitoring of approved clinical research and the discontinuance of clinical trials.

3b. Qualitative Research

1.30pm-5pm

This is designed for those needing greater familiarity with the ethics of the theory, design and practice of research using qualitative methods, whether as researchers or members of HRECs. Researchers and HREC members face challenges in relation to the ethical review of research involving qualitative methods. One challenge is the judgement as to research merit and integrity. For example, researchers using qualitative methods often fail to adequately describe how they analyse data, and HREC committee members often are dubious about studies with small numbers of participants. Another major challenge is assessment of risk, which can be overly exaggerated by HREC members and underestimated or not addressed by qualitative researchers. This workshop will address these challenges and others with specific reference to the new National Statement.

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

Sebel Citigate Hotel Albert Park, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne VIC

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Accommodation is available at the conference venue and nearby hotels. Special Rates have been negotiated for NHMRC Ethics in Human Research Conference delegates. Please visit the conference website <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/ethics/conference.htm> for more information.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Conference and/or the Continuing Education day can be made online at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/ethics/conference.htm> This service includes secure credit-card payments or payment by cheque. Registrations can also be made by completing the attached form and returning it by post or fax to the address found on the form.

For further information on registration, please contact the conference secretariat:

The Communication Link, PO Box 5256, Lyneham ACT 2602

Phone: 02 6280 8122

Fax: 02 6280 8166

Email: ethics@communicationlink.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES

28 September 2007

Closing date for early bird registration

11 October 2007

Closing date for registrations

16 October 2007

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received before 30th September will receive a full refund. Any cancellations received between 1st October and 10th October will be given a full refund, less a \$50 processing fee. Any cancellations received after the 10th October will forfeit all costs associated with their ticket.