

The National Health and Medical Research Council

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) was established in 1936 and is now a statutory body within the portfolio of the Australian Government Minister for Health and Ageing, operating under the *National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* (NHMRC Act). The NHMRC advises the Australian community, the Australian Government, and State and Territory Governments on standards of individual and public health, and supports research to improve those standards.

The NHMRC Act provides four statutory obligations:

- to raise the standard of individual and public health throughout Australia;
- to foster development of consistent health standards between the States and Territories;
- to foster medical research and training and public health research and training throughout Australia; and
- to foster consideration of ethical issues relating to health.

The NHMRC also has statutory obligations under the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002* (PHC Act) and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* (RIHE Act).

The activities of the NHMRC translate into four major outputs: health and medical research; health policy and advice; health ethics; and the regulation of research involving donated IVF embryos, including monitoring compliance with the ban on human cloning and certain other activities. A regular publishing program ensures that Council's recommendations are widely available to governments, the community, scientific, industrial and education groups. The Council publishes in the following areas:

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