Xenotransplantation Working Committee

Terms of Reference

The Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC) has developed draft guidance regarding the ethical review and conduct of human research involving xenotransplantation. The Xenotransplantation Working Committee will be established to advise AHEC on the finalisation of this guidance, for inclusion in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (National Statement).

In finalising this guidance, the Xenotransplantation Working Committee will:

   a) Consider feedback from public consultation

   b) Consult with key stakeholders, as required

   c) Develop final advice in the form of draft guidance for consideration by AHEC

In doing so, the Xenotransplantation Working Committee may consider:

   o The ethical issues relating to the conduct of human research involving xenotransplantation, including but not limited to:
      o the possible risks associated with xenotransplantation research
      o the implications of these risks for the participant and for public health more broadly
      o strategies to mitigate these risks.

   o The conduct of human research involving xenotransplantation with particular reference to the Australian context including but not limited to:
      o the regulatory framework for the conduct of xenotransplantation trials in Australia
      o any required protections, where tissues for use in xenotransplantation research are imported from overseas.

Appointments to the Xenotransplantation Working Committee will commence 18 April 2016 and conclude on 30 June 2017.