



Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee

About us

The Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee (MSHREC) serves one of Australia's largest research communities, reviewing applications for research studies right across the translational research continuum. When people are involved in reviewing health research, they have the opportunity to shape the future health care for their community and improve health outcomes for all.

The MSHREC meets on a monthly basis, both in-person or virtually (COVID-Safe practices in place) to review and assess the ethical and scientific validity of research applications for studies to be undertaken within Metro South Health (MSH) facilities, across Queensland and nationally across Australia.

Expressions of Interest for Members

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are sought from interested persons to volunteer with the MSHREC in one of the categories set out in our guiding framework, National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023 ('National Statement')

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- a) people bring a community or consumer perspective who have no affiliation with the institution and do not currently engage in medical, scientific, legal or academic work
- b) people with knowledge of, and current experience in, the professional care, counselling or treatment of people for example, a nurse or allied health professional
- c) people who perform a pastoral care role in a community, for example, an Aboriginal elder, a minister of religion

- d) lawyer, where possible one who is not engaged to advise the institution
- e) people with current research experience that is relevant to research proposals to be considered at the meetings they attend.

Requirements

- This position requires the volunteer to attend at least six (6) MSHREC meetings per year and participate in a roster for the Lower Risk Review Panel.
- Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month (except January).
- The time commitment is approximately eight (8) hours per month, encompassing the reading of allocated applications and attendance at the meeting.
- For more information see our Terms of Reference.

Is this for you?

Key responsibilities for this voluntary role are as follows:

- Able to understand/learn and apply research ethics principles, particularly the National Statement and Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018).
- Interest in health and health research issues.
- Able to appreciate the interests of potential research participants and the potential risks and benefits of research proposals, and to assess the balance between the two.
- Able to actively participate in and contribute to MSHREC discussions on research proposals and other research ethics issues.

- Able to attend meetings as required and able to participate in and respond to delegated HREC applications when required.
- Comfortable with using online software packages.
- Attend educational development opportunities to increase your knowledge and application of ethical thinking (most are free or subsidised by MSH).

How to join

Please complete the HREC EOI Form which can be found on our website.

Email the form, along with a current resume, to MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au.

More information

Any questions about the role and responsibilities of this position can be directed to the HREC Coordinator:
(07) 3443 8047 or MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au

Also see our webpage here for more information regarding the research activities undertaken with MSH:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/research>