Welcome!

The series of Forums for 2012 have commenced and the next event on Friday 27 April promises to be very informative as the consumer viewpoint will be discussed. Some very valuable observations will be forthcoming from those who have participated in treatment and clinical trials. Details regarding Forums are on the CCHRE website in ‘Events/Publications’.

The March Forum was a combined presentation from New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria on interstate mutual acceptance for clinical trials and South Australia Health was also represented. This session raised some thought provoking issues around research governance and speed to trial start up. This is important feedback and appreciated.

The annual May Workshop is looking great with presenters on mutual acceptance, device trials and clinical genetics. More information will be outlined in the invitations to be sent to Streamline E-bulletin subscribers in the next week.

The Coordinating Office has been working with the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) regarding an update of the clinical trial Guidelines for Victoria and completion of an additional Clinical Trial Research Agreement for investigator initiated research. The three eastern states are working cooperatively to achieve best practice and timeliness around agreements.

The scope of the interstate mutual acceptance initiative has been expanded and is in line with the scope of the Victorian single review system, you can view this on the CCHRE website.

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➢ Scope – see the Interstate Mutual Acceptance page for details of the new scope.
➢ March Forum presentations are on the Events/Publications page.
➢ All HREC applications should have the following attached:
  ♢ Ethics Checklist Standard
  ♢ Cover Letter
  Remember to select the ‘Interstate Mutual Acceptance’ option on the cover letter, if applicable.

Interstate Mutual Acceptance progress - at the end of February had 33 ethics applications and 109 study sites in the system.

Handy reminders

1. Investigators using the Online Forms website
   All ‘Supporting documents’ must be uploaded to your Online Forms account so that co-investigators, the HREC Coordinator and RGO can access documents electronically.

2. Standard Cover Letter
   Investigators please complete this accurately so ethics administrators can enter the correct data on AU RED. Soon a comprehensive reporting system in AU RED will be implemented and data accuracy is essential.

3. Retrospective entry to the Victorian streamlined system and mutual acceptance
   See the information on the ‘Streamlining ethical review’ page.


Easter period business hours

Coordinating Office: will be closed on the public holidays. Otherwise we will be available for CAS booking and advice as usual.

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