Ethics Harmonization – A New Approach to Ethics Clearance for Health Research Projects in BC

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http://www.msfhr.org/our-work/activities/bc-ethics-harmonization-initiative

The mandate of the Harmonization Initiative is to streamline research ethics across BC’s major research universities (UBC, SFU, UNBC, UVIC) and health authorities (Island Health, Vancouver Coastal, Fraser Health, Northern Health, Interior Health).

For health researchers who must obtain multiple ethical clearances from separate BC research ethics boards a streamlined, coordinated system aims to eliminate duplication and reduce time while ensuring that ethics obligations are met by researchers and review boards.

Please contact the UVic Research Ethics Office if you are a UVic researcher (faculty, student, staff) whose health research project will require ethics clearance from UVIC and at least one additional BC university ethics board or BC health authority ethics board listed above.

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UPDATE: If your study receives a harmonized ethics review, you will be contacted to complete an evaluation.

Evaluations of minimal risk studies will extend until July 31, 2015.
Evaluations of above minimal risk studies will extend until the end of 2015.

http://bcethics.ca/2015/06/01/above-minimal-risk-harmonized-ethics-review-pilot-launched/

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