Canadian hospitals and clinics within the public health care system normally require academic researchers to obtain special research clearance from health authorities, health regions or hospitals.

**Clearance typically involves two separate procedures:**

1. Obtaining hospital operational/site approval
2. Obtaining health authority research ethics approval from a health authority's own research ethics board

UVic researchers are able to obtain concurrent BC health authority* research ethics clearance (one or more health authorities) through a special "harmonized" research ethics review procedure with the UVic Research Ethics Board.

**Please contact UVic Research Ethics about any of the above**

*Health authorities/hospitals include: all sites, patients, staff and clinicians under the auspices of Island Health, Interior Health, Fraser Health Authority, Northern Health, Vancouver Coastal, Providence Health Institute, BC Cancer Agency, UBC affiliated hospitals – Women and Children’s Hospital

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