
MEMORANDUM

To: All Metro South Research Community

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Subject: MSH HREC Temporary Capping for June and July Meetings

Dear Metro South Research Community,

The Metro South Health Human Research Ethics Committee (MSH HREC) is currently experiencing a substantial workload and will be introducing a **temporary** cap of 10 *greater than low risk* submissions for consideration by the HREC at each of the June and July 2024 meetings.

Currently the number of greater than low risk studies, low risk applications and amendments waiting for review exceeds our ability to process these and approve them in a timely manner. Introducing this temporary change, would enable the team to provide effective review of all submissions and provide timely feedback.

Researchers wishing to submit new greater than low risk projects for review during this time are encouraged to submit to one of the National Mutual Acceptance certified HRECs if unable to submit to MSH HREC due to the temporary cap. A list of the HRECs is attached and available here: [List of certified institutions](#).

All other submissions including Low Risk and Exemption Applications, requests for further information and post approval submissions including amendments, progress reports and safety reports will still be accepted during this time.



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