

Metro South Research Weekly Update

Tuesday, 05 May 2020

To all MSH researchers and clinicians,

Ethics and Governance Update

Ethics

- If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Progress Report via ERM for your project. The reporting period should be from the end date of your last reporting period through to 30.4.2020. The next reporting period will be 1.5.2020 - 30.4.2021.
- Our timeframes for review of post approval submission has been revised to 2 weeks for non COVID related submissions. If your submission is COVID related, please ensure you clearly mark it as such to enable prioritisation.

Governance

- We have successfully transitioned to digital review and execution of all contracts/agreements. To enable e-signature sign off, please ensure you send your draft contract for review and preliminary endorsement before enacting the e signature process
- We highly recommend that you submit your SSA (even if only a draft) as soon as you have submitted your HREC application. This will enable parallel review and timely authorisation of your project.
- Site visit monitoring and Study Set up support is currently on hold as a result of the social distancing measures in place. We will be exploring opportunities to enable the study set up support and monitoring to continue in the near future.

PowerTrials

- If your study involves consenting patients, please ensure that they have been enrolled into the study within the PowerTrials module of the iEMR. Should you need assistance in either setting up your study or enrolling patients, please contact MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au.
- Has your patient been identified as COVID-19 positive? Please check the banner bar to determine if they are enrolled in a research study and contact the research team by hovering over the 'Clinical Research' section.

Research Funding

- Arthritis Australia supports all areas of research relevant to arthritis, rheumatic diseases or other musculoskeletal diseases or conditions including osteoporosis. Grants are available to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals from Australian universities, hospitals and research

institutes. Closing date for [Scholarships, Fellowships and Project Grants](#) is 17 July 2020.

- Novartis provides [funding opportunities](#) for healthcare initiatives that directly support patients, improve healthcare and enable ongoing education relating to Cardio Metabolic, Ophthalmology, Respiratory, Neuroscience, Immunology and Dermatology, and Oncology therapies.
- NHMRC's [Ideas Grants](#) minimum data is due 13 May 2020, closing date 10 June 2020. The objective of the Ideas Grant scheme is to support innovative and creative research projects in any area of health and medical research from discovery to implementation but is not intended for [Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies](#).
- The NHMRC's [Special Initiative in Mental Health](#) will support a multidisciplinary, nationally focussed team to establish a national centre for innovation in mental health care as a collaborative network across Australia that will undertake innovative high quality implementation research to improve health outcomes and outlooks for people living with mental illness in defined areas of need. Minimum data due 24 June 2020 and applications close 15 July 2020.

Did you know?

- Have an interesting case report you would like to publish? Send an email through to MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au, we're here to help!
- Who can you contact for assistance with ERM? For technical issues, please contact HIIRO_REG@health.qld.gov.au.
- Don't know which form to use? Email MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au.
- Research applications and contracts have restricted signing delegation. The Research Support Coordinator facilitates review and sign off by the authorised Metro South delegate for all your external grant applications, including Letters of Support. MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au for details.

Other items of interest

- The [Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes \(AAMRI\)](#) has released information on the number of research projects currently in progress relating to COVID-19, covering vaccines, drug trials, diagnostics, screening tests, mental health and indigenous health.
- [Register here](#) for a free PRAXIS webinar "Strategies for Participant Recruitment, Retention & Effective Communication" at 11am, 18 May 2020.

If you need help or support contact the Metro South Research team via the relevant email address:

- Clinical Research Facility (CRF) - CRF@health.qld.gov.au
- MSH HREC Office - MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au
- Research Governance - MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au

- PowerTrials - MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au
- MSH Research Support Scheme - MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au
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