



Metro South Research Weekly Update

Tuesday, 21 April 2020

To all MSH researchers and clinicians,

Please see below updates from the Metro South Research team:

Ethics and Governance Update

Ethics

- Please ensure all research applications are submitted via the HREA form in ERM regardless if you are seeking full ethical review or review via the Low and Negligible Risk pathway. Only applications for exemption of ethical review (eg QA) should be submitted via the LNR form.

Governance

- Is your Sponsor or Collaborator implementing electronic signatures for legal documents? Please contact MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au to discuss processes around how this can be supported.

Clinical Trials

- Transcelerate accredited GCP certification is mandatory for all researchers conducting clinical trials. Please ensure that you have uploaded your GCP certificate with your SSA application and maintain evidence of it within your study records.
- As a result of national sector-wide collaboration to support research through capacity building, there are a number of different opportunities for GCP training available through [BDHP](#) and other service providers. Please contact the Metro South Research Office for further information.
- The Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry ([ANZCTR](#)) is an online registry of clinical trials being undertaken in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere and includes an up-to-date database of COVID-19 related clinical trials. Please consider opportunities for collaboration.

PowerTrials

- The Research Compliance Officer (PowerTrials) continues to be operational during this time, able to assist with building all new studies into ieMR and can discuss further supports available using ieMR.
- Please email the Research Compliance Officer on msh-powertrials@health.qld.gov.au if the status of your study has changed, you require updating in PowerTrials or you would like to discuss your study further.

Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIIRO)

- Please refer to the regular updates provided by HIIRO including [COVID-19: Queensland Health Operational Guidance for sponsors, trial sites, ethics committees, research governance officer/s and researchers \(April 2020\) \(PDF\)](#).
- HIIRO are offering assistance to researchers for ethics and governance submissions for COVID-19 studies. Should you wish to access this support, please contact HIIRO via email: HIIRO_REG@health.qld.gov.au.

Other items of interest

Zoom and WhatsApp

- The Metro South Health Chief Information Officer has advised via staff broadcast on Thursday 16 April 2020 that Zoom and WhatsApp have been assessed as high risk applications and are not recommended platforms for use in Queensland Health. Zoom is no longer to be used within Metro South Health for clinical meetings or organisational business use.
- If utilising these platforms as part of your research projects please utilise alternative video conferencing software applications such as Queensland Health Movi/Jabber Telehealth, Audio and Video Conferencing/Streaming via Microsoft Teams, CISCO Webex or telephone.
- Please the [Metro South Health Digital](#) site for more information.

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
- General enquiries - MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au

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