

Notes for Submission of Initial Application for Ethics and Scientific Approval for Research Involving Humans

Who should use this form:

This form is to be used for applications to UnitingCare Health Human Research Ethics Committee (UCH HREC) for research projects requiring scientific and human ethics approval for the following hospitals:

The Wesley Hospital, Brisbane
St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital, Brisbane
Buderim Private Hospital
St Stephen's Hospital, Maryborough

Human research projects to be:

- conducted by staff of UnitingCare Health Hospitals;
- conducted by research higher degree students enrolled at universities in Queensland; or
- conducted on or from UnitingCare Health Hospitals by researchers external to those hospitals.

Human research projects that:

- are to be conducted in UnitingCare Health facilities;
- involve recruitment of patients or staff from UnitingCare Health facilities; or
- involve examination of medical records or other data of the UnitingCare Health facilities/services.

Projects that require human ethics approval:

For any research involving human participants, human tissue, personally identifiable records, or unpublished human research data, scientific and ethics approval must be sought from UnitingCare Health HREC before the research can commence in UnitingCare Health facilities.

For all research to be conducted at all Uniting Church Qld Hospitals, approval must be given from the relevant Hospital Manager or Director Medical Services. This process will obtain this approval.

Preparation of your application:

- Applicants must read the Guidelines for the application form before commencing. It will not be possible to submit an acceptable application without reference to the Guidelines.
- Applications must be **collated into sets** in the order of Checklist, Application, Appendix A, Information Sheets, Consent Forms, then other relevant attachments as called for in the Application. Include Appendix A (Clinical Trials) only if you are required to complete it.
- Applications must be photocopied double-sided, however, please keep each section (i.e. Checklist, Application, Appendix A, Information Sheets, Consent Forms, Surveys, Clinical Protocols, etc) as a separate document.

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- Include on your covering letter the project title, chief investigator, invoicing details (if applicable) and a list of all documents with version numbers and dates that need to be cited on the approval letter.

Submission of applications:

All medical research projects undertaken at UnitingCare Health facilities require prior approval of both scientific and ethical merit from the Human Research Ethics Committee. You only need submit the following to obtain both scientific, ethical and Director of Medical Services approval.

The following documents need to be sent for approval as per below:

- Checklist and Application form
- Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form
- Protocol, questionnaires, advertisements, study materials for patients etc.
- Indemnity (if required)
- Investigator Brochure (if applicable)

Send to: UCH HREC

- **1 electronic copy**
- A covering letter of explanation.
Original + 10 copies of the Checklist & Application form, Participant Information Sheet, consent form and protocol, questionnaires, advertisements etc.
- **2 original** Indemnity forms (if required, include the following details: Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust Q, Ground Floor Moorlands House, The Wesley Hospital, 451 Coronation Drive, Auchenflower, QLD, Australia 4066 (“The Indemnified Party”))
- **1 copy** Investigator brochure (if applicable)
- **1 copy** Clinical Agreement (if applicable)

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON:

Applications for Meeting 1	5 January 2021
Applications for Meeting 2	16 February 2021
Applications for Meeting 3	20 April 2021
Applications for Meeting 4	15 June 2021
Applications for Meeting 5	17 August 2021
Applications for Meeting 6	19 October 2021

These are the last dates on which we can ensure that submissions will be considered at the next meeting, but please do not hold applications until that date. Submit them as soon as completed. The review process is begun immediately and proceeds on a continuous basis. Expedited review **may** be possible if urgent approval is requested.

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