



# Regional Health

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## **POLICY:**

The hospital recognizes the significant role research plays in the advancement of excellence in the provision of health services and in the ability of health care professionals to provide effective, current, evidence-based care.

Human subject research conducted within Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre must be consistent with the hospital's mission, vision, values, strategic plan, policies and resources. Research conducted must comply with the research ethics principles outlined in the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (1998), the Good Clinical Practice: Consolidated Guideline (GCP) ([www.ncehr-cnerh.org/english/gcp](http://www.ncehr-cnerh.org/english/gcp)) of the International Conference on Harmonization and other commonly accepted standards. Researchers are expected to be guided by their professional Code of Ethics.

## **ROLES:**

### *RESEARCH ETHICS TEAM*

Reviews and approves all proposed human subject research involving hospital information, staff, clientele, physicians and residents and students.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The staff and physicians are supported in their research efforts by the Research Ethics Team which is responsible for the review and approval of all human subject research proposals involving patients, hospital information, employees, physicians, residents and students using the facility. The primary purpose of the review is to assure the protection of the rights and welfare of the human subjects.

The Research Ethics Team is authorized to make recommendations for approval of all human subject research to be conducted in the hospital. No human subject research is to occur without the written approval of the Research Ethics Team.

The Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board provides initial and ongoing review of protocols for multi-centre cancer trials. The OCREB may serve as the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre's Board of Record for the majority of multi-centre cancer research that is conducted within the Regional Cancer Program of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. The team is responsible for facilitating the education of Research Ethics Team members. The Research Ethics Team is a standing committee of the Medical Advisory Committee. The Medical Advisory Committee establishes the authority and mandate of the Research Ethics Team. Reports are forwarded to the Medical Advisory Committee and Senior Management Team.

All research shall be reviewed by departmental managers for financial, resource and contractual implications.

The Research Ethics Team's review will include ethical validity of proposals, the impact on both the care provided in the hospital and on the hospital's resources, and a conflict of interest determination. Where scientific merit has not been assessed the team will ensure such review is completed.

**REFERENCE:**

Tri-Council Policy Statement Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (1998)