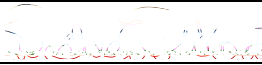
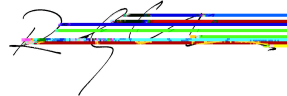


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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to describe the minimum requirements for research proposals involving human participants for approval by the Non-Medical Research Ethics Board (NMREB), independent of the review pathway (Full Board or via delegated review).

2. GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

All research involving human participants must meet certain criteria before NMREB approval may be granted. The approval criteria are based on the guiding ethical principles of the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS) and applicable regulations and guidelines.

Initial NMREB approval of the research is based on assessment of a complete application package. NMREB may consult the Investigator for additional information as necessary.

Following initial review of the protocol, the NMREB should be prepared to make a determination as to the approvability of the research.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

This SOP applies to the NMREB Chair, Vice-Chair(s), NMREB members, and Office of Human Research Ethics (OHRE) staff.

The NMREB members are responsible for determining whether or not a research study meets the criteria for approval based on ethical principles.

The NMREB Chair or designee is responsible for ensuring that NMREB members have adequate training, expertise and guidance to conduct their reviews and to make decisions regarding the approvability of research.

4. DEFINITIONS

See Glossary of Terms

5. SPECIFIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

5.1. Minimal Criteria for Approval of Research

In order for a research study to receive NMREB approval, during its review, the NMREB takes the following into consideration:

5.1.1. The research will produce generalizable knowledge

5.2.1 Studies proposing access to or collection of personal information require consideration of additional items to protect the privacy of the personal information. Therefore, the

