

Medical and Community Human Research Ethics Advisory (HREA) Panel (Panel G)

Please visit the HOME PAGE FOR ALL INVESTIGATORS WHOSE PROJECTS INVOLVE HUMAN PARTICIPANTS at:

<http://www.ro.unsw.edu.au/ethics/human/>

The HREA panels are constituted under clause 2.27 of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans¹ (Expedited review for minimal risk research). Accordingly, the HREA panels act under delegated authority of the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of the University of New South Wales.

The primary goal of the HREA panels is to facilitate ethical human research activities at UNSW².

The Human Research Ethics Advisory (HREA) Panels will evaluate research projects involving humans deemed likely to have “minimal ethical impact”. As such, the projects are likely to be those with:

- little or no risk of harm (physical, emotional, cultural, financial)
- non-sensitive subject matter
- no significant likelihood of invasion of privacy, or breach of confidentiality.

Guidelines on whether your research is minimal ethical impact can be located at:

http://www.ro.unsw.edu.au/ethics/human/minimal_ethical_impact.shtml

The Human Research Ethics Advisory (HREA) Panels will NOT consider the following project types (which must be considered by Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)):

- projects with external grant support
- multi-institutional research projects
- projects being conducted on behalf of a commercial sponsor
- If research is being conducted through an Area Health Service, the proposal must be approved by the Area Health Service Ethics Committee then endorsed by the UNSW Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC).

The Human Research Ethics Advisory (HREA) Panels will communicate its decisions to the Head of School of the applicants and thence to the applicants themselves. In addition, the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) will be notified of all applications received by the panel and the outcome of the appraisal.

Approvals provided by The Human Research Ethics Advisory (HREA) Panels will be valid for 12 months from the date of approval.

To contact the HREA Panel please go to Panel G at:

http://www.ro.unsw.edu.au/ethics/human/hrea_panel_contacts.shtml

1. *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans*, NHMRC, Canberra, 1999.
2. *Development of a training program for human research ethics and local advisory panels*. Human Research Ethics Committee of UNSW, 2002.