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Subject: Registration of all Ethics Review Committees at the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board

A. Rationale:

Equity in health needs appropriate priority setting and ethical conduct in health research. In consonance with the continuing effort of the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) to promote ethical health research, there is a need to identify resource and training needs in research ethics. A database of all ERCs in the Philippines is being developed in coordination with the Bureau of Food and Drug in order to help designate ERCs or similar bodies which can issue ethical clearance for clinical drug trials.

B. Coverage

All Ethics Review Committees (ERCs) or similar groups that evaluate researches involving human participants.


C. Policies

1. All institutions with Ethics Review Committees (ERCs) or similar bodies are enjoined to register these committees at the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board by filling up attached PHREB Form. This form can also be downloaded from the PCIRD website, www.pchrd.dost.gov.ph.

Completed forms can be submitted via email, or sent to --

The Secretariat, Philippine Health Research Ethics Board
c/o Philippine Council for Health Research and Development
Department of Science and Technology
3/F, DOST Administration Bldg.
Gen Santos Ave., Bicutan, Taguig City
Tel. Nos. 837-7535 to 36
Fax No. 837-2924
E-mail: info@pchrd.dost.gov.ph (<http://www.pchrd.dost.gov.ph>)

2. A Certificate of Registration will be issued to the Committee upon submission of the complete information.
3. The list of registered ERCs will be forwarded by PHREB to BFAD for its guidance regarding ethical review of clinical trials.



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