

Review Process Summary for Research Involving Greater than Low Risk



The following table summarises Barwon Health’s review processes for single and multi-site research applications which involve greater than low risk.

Type of Research	Application Requirements	Process/Forms
Single site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Barwon Health (BH) is the only site; or • Where BH is reviewing for another single site (e.g. SJOG) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review by BH Research Review Committee (RRC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-review for scientific validity and merit • BH researcher completes HREA via Online Forms 2. Review by BH Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of HREA and RRC comments and recommendations 3. Research governance review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BH researcher completes SSA via Online Forms
Multi-site – Streamlined Ethics Review Process (SERP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For participating organisations, multi-site research projects can be reviewed under the SERP • SERP projects are allocated to a single accredited HREC via the Central Allocation System (CAS) – <i>for more information, call (03) 9096 7395</i> • All sites involved accept one HREC review • All sites conduct separate research governance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HREC approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-site projects reviewed under the SERP have ethical review completed by one of the reviewing HRECs (<i>Note: BH is an accepting site, not a reviewing site</i>) • Lead site completes HREA via Online Forms • Lead site submits via Online Forms to the reviewing HREC (<i>not BH</i>) 2. Research governance approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BH researcher completes SSA via Online Forms • BH researcher submits SSA to BH RGO

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Multi-site – Non-SERP (where BH is <u>not</u> the lead site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For multi-site research outside the scope of SERP, researchers must seek independent review through the lead site’s HREC • Application is reviewed by the HREC of the lead institution – According to 5.3.1 NS “...each institution has the further responsibility to adopt a review process that eliminates any unnecessary duplication of ethical review” • Many HRECs will accept the prior review of accredited HRECs • At BH, projects may be eligible for an exemption from BH HREC review on the basis of prior HREC approval from another accredited HREC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HREC approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead site submits HREA via Online Forms • Review is conducted by lead HREC • Where approval has already been given by another HREC, BH researcher is encouraged to apply for an Acknowledgement of Prior HREC Approval
Multi-site – Non-SERP (where BH is the lead site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-site research is reviewed by the HREC of the lead institution • Where BH is lead site, submit to BH HREC for review • Other sites may choose to accept BH review and BH HREC approval 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review by BH RRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-review for scientific validity and merit • BH researcher to complete HREA via Online Forms 2. Review by BH HREC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of HREA and RRC comments and recommendations 3. Research governance review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete SSA via Online Forms • Submit SSA to BH RGO