

# Summary of Barwon Health Research Oversight



All projects including Quality Assurance (QA), quality improvement, or audit activities, where there is an intention to publish or otherwise present the data beyond the hospital staff, must be submitted for review by the REGI Unit.

*Please note: The project's level of risk determines the type of review, as outlined below.*

Risk Level	Description	Application Process
Negligible risk research (including QA, quality improvement, audit activities, & service redesign)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any foreseeable risk is no more than inconvenience</li> <li>Does not involve the collection of new raw data, or sensitive and identifying information</li> <li>Not instigated by an external person; and</li> <li>Only collecting de-identified data, or information or data that is/would ordinarily be collected as part of patient management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed by the REGI Unit with out of session advice from the BH HREC and RRC</li> <li>All required documentation for negligible risk applications can be found by viewing the negligible risk application guide found on the <a href="#">Audits, QA &amp; Negligible risk applications webpage</a></li> <li>Please send your completed application to <a href="mailto:regi@barwonhealth.org.au">regi@barwonhealth.org.au</a>.</li> </ul>
Low risk research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the risk, even if unlikely, is more than discomfort, the research is not low risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed by the BH HREC</li> <li>All required documentation for low risk applications can be found by viewing the low risk application guide found on the <a href="#">Low risk applications webpage</a></li> <li>Please send your completed application to <a href="mailto:regi@barwonhealth.org.au">regi@barwonhealth.org.au</a>.</li> </ul>
Greater than low risk research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interventions and therapies including, clinical and non-clinical trials, and innovations</li> <li>Human genetics</li> <li>Women who are pregnant, and the human foetus</li> <li>People highly dependent on medical care who may be unable to give consent</li> <li>People with cognitive impairment, an intellectual disability, or mental illness</li> <li>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples; and</li> <li>Some categories of research with people who may be involved in illegal activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed by the BH HREC</li> <li>All required documentation for greater than low risk applications can be found by viewing the greater than low risk application guide found on the <a href="#">Greater than low risk applications webpage</a></li> <li>Please send your completed application to <a href="mailto:regi@barwonhealth.org.au">regi@barwonhealth.org.au</a>.</li> </ul>