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Announcement

Date: September 2, 2011
To: Researchers and research staff who submit applications to the BCCA Research Ethics Board
From: George Browman, M.D., Chair, UBC BCCA Research Ethics Board

New UBC-FHA Consent Guide Template (June 20, 2011 Version)

The BCCA REB is one of six [UBC affiliated REB's](#) and as such collaborated with the UBC REB's and the Fraser Health Authority REB in developing a harmonized consent template for research conducted under the auspices of these REB's. The new UBC-FHA REB Consent Guide Template and summary of changes document is attached and is posted on the BCCA REB 'Consent Templates' webpage at: <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/REB/ConsentTempl.htm>.

Please note that all **new** consents submitted for ethics review to the BCCA REB as of **November 1, 2011** must adhere to the UBC-FVH Consent Guide Template. In the interim, to allow a reasonable time for this transition, the BCCA REB will also accept consent documents that are based on the previous BCCA REB consent template. Please also note, that required sections must be included, however the BCCA REB will consider alternate wording that is in keeping with the spirit intended by the required wording.

This template will be an ongoing work-in-progress to make improvements based on feedback and evolving policies. Researchers are advised to check the BCCA REB website when starting a new consent to ensure that they obtain the most current version of the consent template.

Your feedback regarding this new UBC-FHA consent template is welcome; please send your comments by email to: reb@bccancer.bc.ca

Clinical Oncology Consent Template Initiative

The BCCA REB has also concurrently been participating with the NCIC CTG and Ontario Cancer REB (OCREB) in an initiative to develop 1) a consent template specifically for NCIC CTG studies that OCREB, BCCA and NCIC CTG collectively agree to apart from study-specific information, and 2) a harmonized BCCA/OCREB consent template (using the agreed upon NCIC CTG template as a baseline). The BCCA REB and OCREB have forwarded their collective feedback for the NCIC CTG specific consent template and this is pending a reply from NCIC CTG. The timelines for completion of these two projects are subject to the availability of resources at each REB and NCIC CTG. In the meantime, using the UBC-FHA consent template provides an updated version of the consent template. Further announcements will be circulated regarding the progress of these projects.

Thank you for your attention,
George Browman, MD., Chair, UBC BCCA REB

A copy of this notice is posted on the BCCA REB web page under What's New?
<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/REB/default.htm#New>