



Updates

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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

1. **REGISTRATION FOR PUBLICATION (ICMJE Policy Update)**

The International Committee of Journal Editors (ICMJE) implemented an expanded (2007) definition for research study and expanded the list of acceptable registries.

This applies to all research studies of healthcare interventions that involve prospective enrollment of subjects that began enrollment on or after July 1, 2008.

If there is any possibility of the intent to publish results of such a research study, it must be registered BEFORE the research starts. Principal Investigators must ensure that a research study is registered and appropriately updated when the project is complete or results are published.

International Committee of Journal Editors Definition (2007)

“Any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes.”

Medical intervention is to be interpreted broadly to include drugs, devices, surgical procedures, behavioural or management studies which have the intent to modify a health outcome.

This new definition includes Phase I trials.

For more information see the following articles and links:

ICMJE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and list of registries: <http://www.icmje.org/faq.pdf>

BCCA REB policy: <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/REB/Policies.htm#registration>

2. **Annual Report**

The BCCA REB annual report for the fiscal year April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008 is available on our webpage (link below). The UBC REBs recognize the importance of informative timelines and to that end the UBC Office of Research Services and RISe programmers are in the process of developing a statistical reporting feature in RISe which will include timelines. These are not yet available. however, we anticipate these will be available for inclusion in future reports. The REB appreciates the feedback on early versions of this report.

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/REB/AnnualRep.htm>

3. **BCCA REB Membership Changes:**

- Updated [History of Changes to REB Membership List](#)
- Updated [BCCA REB Membership List - Effective October 21, 2008](#)
- Updated [OHRP/IRB Membership Roster](#) (updated expiry date October 23, 2011)

4. **RISe Support Desk**

On September 30, 2008 a "RISe Support Desk" and user friendly "Ask Me" help feature within the RISe system were implemented and is accessible by telephone or email.

RISe Support Desk

Tel: 604-878-7473 (RISe) or email: risesupport@ors.ubc.ca

(This is also posted on the RISe Welcome Page: <https://rise.ubc.ca>)

The RISe Support Desk is available to provide technical assistance with RISe features. For policies, regulatory requirements, and study-specific questions please continue to contact the REB.

5. **BCCA REB Administration (REBA) Staff - Update**

The current REBA consists of a Manager and two REB Coordinators.

- **Bonnie Shields**, REB Manager
- **Marcilyn Wright**, REB Coordinator joined the REBA January 29, 2008. Marcilyn has previous experience as a Research Assistant with Vancouver Coastal Health.
- **Melissa Friesen**, REB Coordinator joined the REBA July 28th, 2008. Melissa transferred from her position as a Research Assistant with BCCA Cancer Rehabilitation. Melissa is the successful incumbent replacing Melody Neudorf who has resigned from the REB but remains on the REB Casual list along with Christine Sorial, who provided temporary coverage for Melody during her leave of absence.
- **Contact Information:** <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/REB/Contacts.htm>

Please use our REB email address and quote your study number: reb@bccancer.bc.ca

6. **Presentations**

The REB Chair and manager have been invited to make a presentation to the Systemic Therapy (Medical Oncology Academic Meeting) during the Annual Cancer Conference, on November 20th. The presentation will cover the "Philosophy, Processes and Metrics of the UBC BCCA REB Review Process." (<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/HPI/ACC2008/Schedule+at+a+Glance.htm>) The REB Chair and manager are available to make similar presentations to other groups at their request.

7. **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bonnie Shields, Manager, UBC BCCA REB email: reb@bccancer.bc.ca or phone (604-877-6284)

Thank you for your attention,
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Chair, UBC BCCA REB