



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Date: January 21, 2009

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. **Draft 2nd Edition of TCPS (Tri Council Policy Statement)**

The PRE (Panel on Research Ethics) has proposed substantial changes in the draft 2nd edition of the TCPS that include a new set of core principles, clarified definitions, simplified articles, and new chapters on qualitative research and research involving Aboriginal peoples.

PRE is conducting a **TCPS Regional Consultation Tour 2009**, scheduled to cross Canada from January through March 2009 inviting feedback from researchers, research ethics boards and administrators, research participants and the Canadian public.

TCPS Regional Consultation Tour (Vancouver) - February 2nd, 2009

University of British Columbia

First Nations Longhouse, 1985 West Mall, (UBC Campus), Vancouver

Two Sessions: (10:00 - 12:00) **OR** (2:00 – 4:00) Both sessions will be the same, so you can choose either one.

Registration and a copy of the draft 2nd edition are on-line:

<http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/english/index.cfm>

2. **Witness Signature – Allowed But Not Required Except In Limited Cases**

The BCCA REB no longer "requires" the witness signature on consent forms except in limited cases as described in the UBC CREB guidance note 39.8

http://rise.ubc.ca/helpCenter/GN/CREB_Guidance_Notes.html#Guide39.8

3. **Contacting the BCCA REB**

Please use our generic REB email address quoting your project number (i.e. H0x-xxxxx): reb@bccancer.bc.ca

4. **QUESTIONS**

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

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