

# CMHCARN Forum - Ethics in Research

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# Organisational Approaches to Ethics Approvals

## Services provided by CCNSW:

**Support** – Counselling (CC Helpline), legal, financial

**Educational** – Nutrition, tobacco, skin (evidence-based)

**Research** – Epidemiology, program evaluation



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# Research at CCNSW

**External** - Grants

**Internal**

- Collaboration in clinical trials
- Epidemiological & program evaluation



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# CCNSW Ethical Review

**Composition of Committee** - 8 members, quorum, HoMER

**8 Meetings per year** -

**Application process** – Charter, ToR, SOPs, application guidelines, timing, NEAF vs LNR, SSRs expedited review



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# CCNSW Ethical Review cont.

## What the (ethics) Committee are looking for:

Potential risks

How subjects are being recruited

Sharing of benefits and burden

What is expected of participants

Are participants being fully informed

The consent process

Privacy protection



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## Issues & Observations

**Peer Review** – Not the role of HRECs

**Too much detail** – NEAF, LNR

**Slow approval process** – Resubmits



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