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FEES AND CHARGES

Statement of Intent and Outcomes

The St Vincent's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee is committed to fulfilling Section 5 of The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 – Updated 2018) by ensuring adequate resources are acquired to support the function of the Ethics Committee, by charging fees for ethical and governance review where appropriate.

Definitions

Nil

Procedure

In order to ensure the HREC is adequately supported, fees will be charged for the review of research protocols in line with the most recent fee schedule. Fees are charged based on administrative resources required, and the level of risk involved. For multisite applications where St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) is the accepting site, a governance fee is charged for review.

The fees associated with the review of new applications are determined based on the phase of the therapeutic/intervention being investigated, due to the level of expertise required. A larger fee is required for phase I and other specialist trials, as external advice may be required and the review charge should be sufficient to cover the cost of this.

In addition to the review of new applications, fees will also be charged for the review of amendments and any other administrative documents which are submitted post approval.

The fee schedule should be reviewed periodically, with all amendments requiring approval from the Director of Research prior to implementation.

As per section 5.1 of The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 – Updated 2018) in order to encourage and support all forms of research, fees may be negotiated where fees would discourage the conduction of the research.

Associated Procedures/Instructions

5.23 – Multisite Approvals

Reference Documents

- The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans in accordance with the NHMRC Act, 2007 – Updated 2018 (Cth)
- Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018)

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