

**National Ethics Training Workshop:
*Understanding Consent in Research Involving Children***

Researchers who conduct research with children and young people, Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) and other interested parties are invited to attend a half-day workshop at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne on Friday, 30th April.

The workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Merle Spriggs and A/Prof Lynn Gillam from the Royal Children's Hospital's Children's Bioethics Centre, and will suit those interested in medical, social and educational research.

The workshop will introduce participants to two educational resources developed by Dr Spriggs entitled, "Understanding Consent in Research Involving Children: The Ethical Issues."

'*Case studies: Questions & Answers*' has been designed to raise issues for deliberation by HRECs and researchers in situations in which they have not found sufficiently clear guidance in the *National Statement*, including recruiting the new generation of adolescents- many of whom are exhaustive users of modern technologies.

'*A Handbook for Human Research Ethics Committees and Researchers*' has been specifically designed to complement the NHMRC *National Statement* and provide guidance to HRECs and researchers involved in research involving children.

When: 10.00am - 2.00pm Friday, 30th April 2010.

Where: Ella Latham Meeting Room, 1st Floor
Royal Children's Hospital,
50 Flemington Road, Parkville. VICTORIA.

Cost: **\$100/head,**
(Inc. morning tea, lunch and Resource Kit containing
- *A Handbook for Human Research Ethics Committees and Researchers*
- *Case studies: Questions & Answers*
- Plus two sets of pamphlets: One for parents and one for adolescents – consisting of a pamphlet for medical research and one for general research (i.e. social and educational research).

Group Discount: Groups of **ten or more** from the same institution (i.e HRECs) will be capped at \$1000. Please be sure to select "Group Registration" on the Registration Form.

If you have any of your own case studies that could be used for discussion at the workshop, please email them directly to Dr. Spriggs at merle.spriggs@mcri.edu.au

Places are limited, so register today to avoid disappointment. Simply print and fill out the form below and email to Catherine.lees@rch.org.au

For further information, please contact Dr. Catherine Lees, Children's Bioethics Centre, (03) 9345 4086.

Workshop Program

- 10.00am - 10.45am:** Introduction to the Resource material
(Dr Merle Spriggs, Children's Bioethics Centre)
- 10.45am – 11.00am:** Morning tea
- 11.00am – 11.45am:** Case Studies - Small groups
- 11.45am – 12.45pm:** General discussion
(Dr Merle Spriggs & A/Prof Lynn Gillam Children's Bioethics Centre)
- 12.45pm – 1.00pm:** Summing up
(Dr Merle Spriggs, Children's Bioethics Centre)
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm:** Networking and sit down lunch