

Research Excellence (REx) Steering Committee

The multiple levels of collaboration across healthcare, medical research and academia throughout the Melbourne Academic Centre for Health (MACH) partners, provide us with a great opportunity to build a seamless and streamlined system that facilitates changes in clinical practice in response to evidence generated amongst our group.

To realise this goal, the partners have established the REx Steering Committee to oversee, develop and implement a comprehensive framework to deliver a highly efficient and effective overarching system for streamlined, harmonised and standardised ethical and governance review. This initiative includes participation in the existing National Mutual Acceptance Program for single ethical review of multi-centre clinical trials and any new State or National streamlining initiatives that may arise in the future.

Partners:

- Austin Health
- Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health
- Melbourne Health
- Murdoch Children's Research Institute
- Northern Health
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Royal Children's Hospital
- Royal Women's Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
- University of Melbourne
- Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
- Western Health

Our model for streamlined ethical review allows investigators to submit multi-centre human health research ethics applications to any of the five NHMRC-certified Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) within our group, and provides partners access to weekly HREC review.

REx HRECs conduct ethical review for human research conducted at both Research Institutes and hospitals.

NHMRC-certified HRECs within the REx group:

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- Melbourne Health
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Royal Children's Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

Further information can be found at www.mach.melbourne