

Research Ethics BC (REBC)

Part of the British Columbia Academic Health Science Network (BC AHSN)

About Us:

Formerly known as the BC Ethics Harmonization Initiative (BCEHI), REBC is a collaboration between BC's regional health authorities and four major research universities, with a commitment to harmonize ethical review of multi-jurisdictional research across the province. Harmonization streamlines the ethics review and approval process, allowing for submission of a single research ethics application. It also standardizes processes among research ethics boards (REBs), ensuring review quality and compliance with national policies.

Our Values:

- Collaboration
- Proportionality
- Transparency



Membership:

REBC's current membership includes academic and health sector stakeholders from across the province. Currently, our members include:

- UBC and affiliated Research Ethics Boards for UNBC, UBC Okanagan, Children's and Women's Hospitals, Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Cancer, Simon Fraser University University of Victoria
- Fraser Health, Interior Health, Island Health, Providence Health, Northern Health

Key Goals/Our Future

Most recently, Research Ethics BC has developed and launched an online platform for the ethical review of multi-jurisdictional research studies in British Columbia. Hosted on UBC's RISE system, the Provincial Research Ethics Platform (PREP) enables the effective ethical review across and between BC institutions.

Our near-future goals include developing Communities of Practice in the province to discuss research ethics, wider communication and outreach of the benefits of harmonized ethical review, and working towards a harmonized review process for clinical trials.

