

Research Ethics BC REB Profiles and Contacts

This document is intended to assist REB administrators in clarifying who to contact for multi-jurisdictional (harmonized) research ethics applications; it is not written with researchers in mind.

A separate document is available that includes operational information about REBC partner institutions and may be accessed from the Resources page: <https://researchethicsbc.ca/resources/>

REB	Research Ethics Administration Details	Contact
First Nations Health Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FNHA cannot be Board of Record on a harmonized study as they do not have a REB - <i>Further information forthcoming</i> 	Gillian Corless, Senior Advisor, Research and Ethics Gillian.Corless@fnha.ca
Fraser Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harmonized ethical reviews occur weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal Investigators are required to be Fraser Health (FH) employees/privileged physicians or affiliated academic investigators. For affiliated investigators, a FH co-investigator must be on the study and submit a memo detailing their roles and responsibilities in the project: https://www.fraserhealth.ca/employees/research-and-evaluation/research-ethics-and-other-approvals/harmonized-research-ethics-process-and-approvals#.W2IWUtWpFhF - Behavioural - Biomedical - Clinical - Health Services - Population Health - Student Researcher as Co-Investigator - Ethical review is not conducted for evaluation/quality improvement 	Sarah Flann, Research Ethics and Regulatory Specialist (Harmonized Studies) sarah.flann@fraserhealth.ca REB@fraserhealth.ca 604-587-7855
Interior Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical, health services, population health and biomedical research projects - IH or external Principal Investigators - Research conducted with IH staff and/or patients or their data; or involving IH facilities, programs, or contracted agencies 	Dorothy Herbert, Research Ethics Coordinator Dorothy.Herbert@interiorhealth.ca a 250-469-7070 ext 12195 Website: https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/Research/Pages/Research-Ethics-Board.aspx

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Island Health – Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behavioural studies - Health research - Student/Resident as Principal Investigator - Retrospective chart reviews - Registries - Observational studies - Interviews/focus groups - Surveys 	<p>E. Sarah Bennett, Research Ethics and Compliance Manager elizabeth.bennett@viha.ca 250-370-8095 <i>Performs triage of all harmonized reviews</i></p> <p>*Dawn Pollon, Research Ethics Coordinator 250-519-5300 ext 36212 dawn.pollon@viha.ca</p> <p>[*]cc Kimberly.Horie@viha.ca on all of Dawn's correspondence</p> <p>Kim Horie, Research Administrative Coordinator Kimberly.Horie@viha.ca 250-519-6726</p>
Island Health – Clinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studies with a clinical focus and may also involve interviews and questionnaires - Studies that involve physically invasive procedures - Investigational drug, biologic, or device trials - Natural health product trials - Surgical trials - Experimental health outcomes - Clinical registries 	<p>E. Sarah Bennett, Research Ethics and Compliance Manager elizabeth.bennett@viha.ca 250-370-8095 <i>Performs triage of all harmonized reviews</i></p> <p>Karen Medler, Research Ethics Coordinator Karen.medler@viha.ca 250-519-5300 ext 36207</p> <p>Joey Pearson, Research Ethics Administrator joy.pearson@viha.ca 250-519-5300 ext 36210</p>
Langara College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Information forthcoming</i> 	<p>Ramon Rodrigo rrodrigo@langara.ca 604-323-5933</p> <p>John Russell, Chair Langara Research Ethics Board jrussell@langara.ca</p>
Northern Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NH Research Review Committee focus is on any research involving NH facilities, staff or data. 	<p>Tanis Hampe, Regional Manager 250-649-7557 Tanis.Hampe@northernhealth.ca</p>

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Simon Fraser University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General SFU ORE inquiries from researchers can be addressed to the general email dore@sfu.ca - One REB with three subcommittees for above minimal risk applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Biomedical and Health Research o Clinical Trials o Social and Behavioural Sciences - SFU has an MOU with VCH for ethics review. - SFU researchers can submit an SFU research ethics approval to VCH when seeking operational approvals. 	<p>Hanna Jones-Eriksson, Ethics Officer 778-782-6618 hjoneser@sfu.ca</p> <p>Candase Jensen, Ethics Officer jensenc@sfu.ca 778-782-3447</p>
Thompson Rivers University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Information forthcoming</i> 	<p>Debbie Krebs, Ethics & Compliance Officer dkrebs@tru.ca 250-852-7122</p> <p>Joyce O'Mahony, Chair TRU Research Ethics Board JOmahony@tru.ca 250-377-6138</p>
UBC Behavioural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Science and Behavioural Studies, including health and wellness focused studies with no clinical intervention - Studies may include access to participant's medical records with consent - VCH conducts their operational reviews through RISE ethics applications 	<p>Maria Valente, BREB Review Coordinator maria.valente@ors.ubc.ca 604-827-5310</p>
UBC Clinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studies involving physically invasive procedures must be reviewed by CREB, regardless of other elements - Retrospective chart reviews and other clinically focused studies, e.g. development of diagnostic tools etc., that do not involve invasive procedures and would not be considered behavioural research should also go to the CREB - Studies may involve interviews and questionnaires - VCH conducts their operational reviews through RISE ethics applications 	<p>Pia Ganz, CREB Manager pia.ganz@ors.ubc.ca 604-875-4149</p> <p>Website: https://ethics.research.ubc.ca/clinical-research-ethics</p>
UBC – BC Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority - Clinical and behavioural cancer research (adult only) conducted at six regional cancer centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Abbotsford o Southern Interior (Kelowna) o Fraser Valley Centre (Surrey) o Vancouver Centre 	<p>Naama Rozen, REB Coordinator reb@bccancer.bc.ca 604-877-6289</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vancouver Island Centre (Victoria) ○ North (Prince George); and through ○ Communities Oncology Network <p>- Researchers submitting an ethics application to the BC Cancer REB must have a BC Cancer appointment in order to be a Principal Investigator, and the application must be approved by a BC Cancer Department Head. Researchers who do not hold a BC Cancer appointment must designate a PI who has a BC Cancer appointment.</p>	
UBC -Children's and Women's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical and behavioural research projects conducted on the Oak Street campus at six institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BC Children's Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children* ○ BC Mental Health & Addiction Services* ○ BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre* <p>[*] indicates an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority Child & Family Research Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BC Mental Health & Addictions Research Institute ○ Women's Health Research Institute ○ Studies for which the PI holds appointments with Children's & Women's <p>- Studies which directly involve patients, records or resources of the Oak Street campus</p> <p>- Researchers who do not hold a C&W appointment must appoint an individual as site lead or co-investigator</p>	<p>Jennie Prasad (Manager) jprasad@bcchr.ubc.ca 604-875-2441</p>
UBC-Okanagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviews behavioural, social science and humanities research that is being conducted by individuals affiliated with UBC-Okanagan 	<p>Lisa Shearer, Associate Manager, Behavioural Research Ethics Board lisa.shearer@ubc.ca 250-807-8289</p>
UBC / Providence Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providence Health Care Research Institute (PHCRI) - Teaching hospital affiliated with UBC and SFU - PHC REB is affiliated with UBC - Five research centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UBC James Hogg Research Centre (JHRC) ○ BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE) ○ Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHEOS) 	<p>Julie Hadden, Manager, Ethical Reviews - Policies, Standards, REB Administration Inquiries julie.hadden@ubc.ca 604-682-2344 ext 63496</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centre for Healthy Aging at Providence (CHAP) ○ Centre for Practitioner Renewal (CPR) - Researchers who do not hold a PHC appointment must appoint an individual as site lead or co-investigator. 	
University of Northern BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNBC has a single REB - The REB reviews behavioural studies. 	<p>Primary contact: reb@unbc.ca</p> <p>Isobel Hartley, Research Ethics Officer Isobel.Hartley@unbc.ca 250-960-6735</p> <p>Tracy Wilson, Office of Research Administrative Assistant tracy.wilson@unbc.ca 250-960-5852</p>
University of Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UVic has a single REB - The REB reviews both clinical and behavioural studies 	<p>Eugenie Lam, Human Research Ethics Coordinator hrethics@uvic.ca 250-472-5202</p> <p>Kenna Miskelly, Human Research Ethics Facilitator hre@uvic.ca 250-472-5555</p> <p>Jeta Rugova-Plakolli, Human Research Ethics Liaison ethics@uvic.ca 250-472-4545</p>