CLINICAL TRIAL RESEARCH ETHICS REVIEW NAVIGATOR

Background

Multi-site studies and clinical trials play a vital role in child health research in Canada. One of the challenges for study teams in conducting multicentre research is efficiently obtaining research ethics review across all participating sites. When a single research ethics board (REB) review is not possible for all participating sites, navigating through the various ethics review platforms and systems across the country can be a challenge. Each platform has a unique application process and the local REB requirements, including protocol and consent templates that are often different.

Solution Offering

Working alongside the Canadian Collaboration for Child Health: Efficiency and Excellence in the Ethics Review of Research (CHEER) initiative and institutional REBs, MICYRN is offering a pediatric clinical research ethics submission consultation service. The aim of the consultation service is to facilitate, enhance, and expedite multi-site, multi-jurisdictional pediatric research, and position Canada as a global leader in children's health.

Role of the Clinical Trial Research Ethics Review Navigator

The MICYRN Clinical Trial Research Ethics Review Navigator will serve as the repository of knowledge with a rich understanding and functionality of the various existing streamlined ethics review processes across Canada. The Navigator will:

- Assist study teams in determining if a multi-site submission, a single-site submission, or a combination of the two is the most efficient path for their research study
- Provide guidance on who the lead study team should be for a multi-site submission and what it means to act as a lead site versus a participating site
- Identify the appropriate and applicable consent forms required for a research project
- Collaborate with the CHEER project manager to help lead and participating institutions benefit from the CHEER initiative
- Assist study teams in obtaining local REB acknowledgement and approval

Scope of Service

Clinical research projects should meet the inclusion criteria below to be supported by the Clinical Trial Research Ethics Review Navigator:

- Multicentre study sites must be located in at least two provinces and use more than one streamlined system (e.g., a provincial system and CHEER, or two or more provincial systems)
- Must be prospective observational clinical research studies or interventional clinical trials
- Must be scientific or peer reviewed by a designated steering committee or granting body (i.e., CIHR)

If you or an investigator at your institution is seeking support for a streamlined REB submission consultation, please email Wenli Xie at wenli.xie@micyrn.ca.