1. Clinical Research Policy

1.1 Policy

This policy applies to all clinical research involving the Canterbury DHB.

1.2 Purpose

To facilitate standardised processes around applications for clinical research activities to ensure safety for the clinician, patient and the organisation. In addition to promote research activity and coordination with the University of Otago, Christchurch Research Committee by adopting a shared research office for the administration of all research applications.

- Standardising application processes will ensure that;
  - appropriate institutional support will be provided for researchers;
  - all clinical research hosted by the Canterbury DHB will become registered and therefore available for audit, hence mitigating risk for the organisation;
  - all appropriate clinical research will be registered on the Australia and New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry hence making it part of the public record and available to all stakeholders to help inform health care decisions. This is requirement for publication in most quality scientific journals.

1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all divisions and staff within the Canterbury DHB.

1.4 Associated Documents

- The Canterbury DHB Research Manual.

1.5 Procedure

All research to be undertaken within the Canterbury DHB is to be administratively co-ordinated through the University of Otago, Christchurch and the Canterbury DHB Joint Research office.

The process to be followed is detailed in the Canterbury DHB Research Manual.

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