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The Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)

The HREC is independent from the AH&MRC organisation, this is a requirement of the National Health and Medical Research Council under which the committee is registered

Members are appointed by the AH&MRC Board

The secretariate staff report through AH&MRC as per all staff

All applications and associated documents are confidential and only the Secretariate staff and the Director Ethics and Policy have access

Only the co-chairs can speak on behalf of the HREC (unless nominated)

Only the following AH&MRC staff that can represent or speak on behalf of the HREC:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Executive Director Operations
- Director Ethics and Policy
- Manager of Ethics (Secretariate staff)

History and Role

The NSW AHRC later known as the AH&MRC established the Ethics Committee (1996).

- The HREC has jurisdiction of NSW.
- Funded by NSW Ministry of Health.

The HREC reviews research to ensure that it is meaningful, ethical and culturally appropriate.

- Ensures research aims to improve Aboriginal health, even if not directly.
- Helps ensure, the benefits outweigh harms and risks

Responsibility

- **The HREC Reviews:**
 - New research proposals every six weeks
 - Amendments
 - Annual Reports
 - Publications, presentations and abstracts
 - Develops guidelines with the Secretariat for researchers in NSW
 - Reviews and comments on national ethics statement and guidelines

Criteria for submission

- Meets the definition of health as per NACCHO

“Aboriginal health” means not just the physical well-being of an individual but refers to the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole Community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being thereby bringing about the total well-being of their Community. It is a whole of life view and includes the cyclical concept of life-death-life.

- The experience of Aboriginal people is a specific focus of all or part of the research
- Data collection is directed at Aboriginal peoples
- Aboriginal peoples, as a group, are to be examined in the results
- The research will have an impact on one or more Aboriginal communities
- Aboriginal health funds are a source of funding

Additional criteria

The Committee advises an application should be made if your project meets any of the below criteria:

- The Aboriginal experience of the medical condition being studied is unknown, or is likely, to be different from the overall population; or
- There are Aboriginal people who use the services being studied in distinctive ways, or who have distinctive barriers that limit their access to the services; or
- Aboriginal people are known, or likely, to be significantly over-represented in the group being studied (compared to the 3.4% of total NSW population) and/or it is proposed to separately identify data relating to Aboriginal people at any stage in the project.

AH&MRC Key Principles



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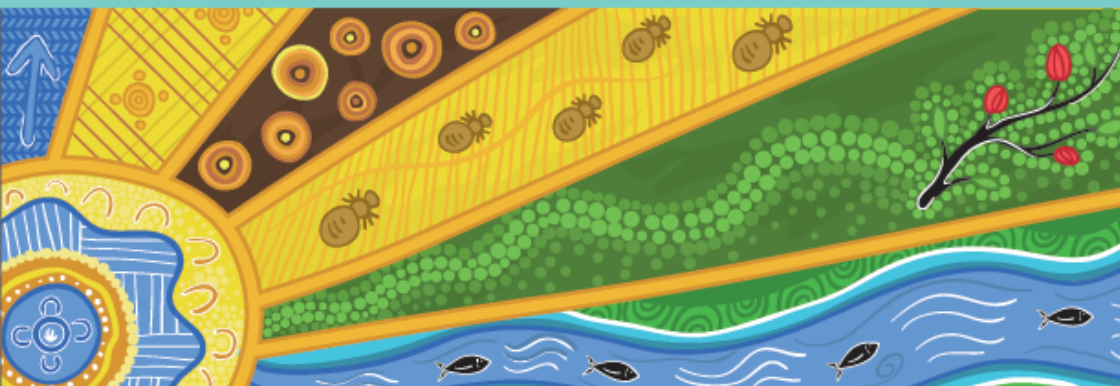
AH&MRC Key Principles

1. Net benefits for Aboriginal people and communities
2. Aboriginal Community Control of Research
3. Cultural Sensitivity
4. Reimbursement of costs
5. Enhancing Aboriginal skills and knowledge



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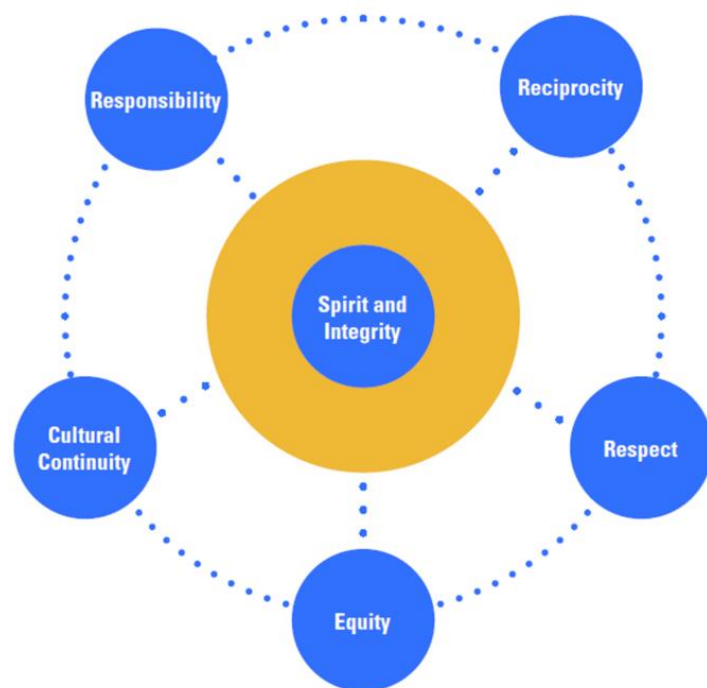
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Keeping research on track II

A companion document to
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National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research

2007 (Updated 2018)



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