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Re: Acceptance of the UBC Application Form for Ethical Review by the Fraser Health Research Ethics Board

Dear Ms. Evans,

The Fraser Health Research Ethics Board (FHREB) would like to inform the UBC Research Ethics Boards that the FHREB will allow UBC principal investigators, who are affiliated with FH, to submit a UBC ethics application form for ethical review as an alternative to submitting a Fraser Health application for initial review form. A document describing the following information must be included in the application package:

1. the FH sites where research will be conducted;
2. a list of services that will require a completed Department Agreement for Providing Research Related Services Form;
3. the number of experimental and control/normal subjects to be enrolled in FH as applicable;
4. the funding information (e.g. site agreement submitted/pending); and
5. if data is sent outside of FH, a description of where the data will be sent and if that data contains personal/identifiable information.
6. any FH-specific recruitment and consent processes if different from the information in the main application.

The FHREB hopes to simplify the ethics application process for UBC investigators by accepting the UBC application form with the stipulations stated above. Please contact Dina Shafey, Research Ethics Coordinator, should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you on the implementation of this change.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Allan Belzberg
Co-Chair
Fraser Health Research Ethics Board

c.c. Susan Chunick, Director, Evaluation and Research Services
Dina Shafey, Research Ethics Coordinator

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