

Participating Site Orientation Package

Welcome to CanReview!

CanReview is a pan-Canadian collaboration supported by the Accelerated Clinical Trials (ACT) Consortium to enable a single research ethics review for multi-site clinical trials conducted across Canada, while ensuring the highest ethical standards. We are committed to engaging the clinical trials community, partnering with Canada's high-quality REBs, establishing proactive mechanisms, publicly reporting approval timelines, and advocating to remove legislative barriers so that, together, we can achieve a Canada-wide single research ethics review system.

How it Works

Participating Sites

CanReview welcomes Canadian institutions conducting research involving humans, including hospitals, universities, private clinics/practices and health networks, to use the single research ethics review system. CanReview uses a distributed REB of Record model to review studies submitted through the system. There is no cost for a site to participate in CanReview.

Becoming a participating site enables your researchers to submit studies through CanReview for a more efficient research ethics approval process. It also enables them to easily join studies and quickly add sites to their own clinical trials.

Stream

Ethics reviews are conducted on Stream, an online platform that enables all research sites participating in a multi-site trial to undergo one ethics review. Stream facilitates collaboration between REBs, sites, sponsors, investigators and research teams. It provides a common ethics review entry point, consistent requirements, transparent metrics and timelines, notifications and reminders, and a central repository for study documents, making reviews easy, timely and efficient.

Strict Timelines

An integral part of CanReview are strict and fair timelines placed on both the applying research teams as well as the reviewing Research Ethics Board. These timelines ensure that Canadian-based trials remain globally competitive while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

REB Selection

CanReview accepts both investigator-initiated and industry sponsored multi-site clinical trials for review. For each clinical trial, a CanReview participating REB will be selected to be the single REB of Record. Selection criteria to be prioritized include REB specialization, the home REB of the country-wide applicant (in the case of investigator-initiated studies), and the equitable distribution of studies across CanReview participating REBs.

Fees

Only industry-sponsored or industry-supported studies are charged ethics review fees. Invoices are sent directly to the sponsors listed in the ethics application forms. A fee schedule can be found [here](#).

Guide to Getting Started

Step 1: Register as a Participating Site

Status as a CanReview participating site is a formal arrangement. The CanReview team is meeting with all interested CanReview participating sites to walk through the process and coordinate registration. To get started, please contact info@canreview.ca.

Step 2: Public listing as a Participating Site

When your institution has completed or committed to registration, CanReview will list your institution as having registered or declared intent to become a participating site on the [Participating Sites page](#).

Once registration is completed, your researchers can begin moving forward with studies, and your institution can become an additional site for studies already approved within the CanReview system.

Relevant information related to your institution's research administration process or contact representatives will also be available on the Participating Sites webpage next to your institution's name, to facilitate collaboration with CanReview users.

Step 3: Tell Your Researchers!

Now that you are a participating site, your researchers and research teams can begin using the CanReview system. Make sure to let them know! Consider using this draft memo to share the good news:

Research Update: You can now use CanReview to submit or join Canada-wide studies

[Your Institution Name] is now a Participating Site in CanReview, Canada's single research ethics review system for multi-site clinical trials. Researchers at our institution can submit and join studies in the CanReview system.

CanReview uses a distributed REB of Record model and is powered by Stream, an online platform that enables all research sites participating in a multi-site trial to undergo one ethics review, significantly reducing approval timelines and administrative burden. The system facilitates collaboration and provides a common ethics review entry point, consistent requirements, transparent metrics, strict timelines, notifications and reminders, and a central repository for study documents, making ethics reviews easy, timely and efficient. Learn more and get started here: www.canreview.ca

Here to Support You

The CanReview team is dedicated to supporting Participating Sites. We will walk through the registration process, help complete necessary forms and answer questions. To get started, please contact info@canreview.ca.