

# NSW Health Pathology Research Governance

## Information sheet

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This information sheet provides advice about NSW Health Pathology's new Research Governance Office:

<b>What's happening?</b>	<p>NSW Health Pathology is now recognised as a site for research governance review and authorisation, including on NSW Health's Research Ethics Governance Information System (<a href="#">REGIS</a>).</p> <p>NSW Health Pathology now has its own Research Governance Office to oversee and facilitate the research governance approval process, including the delegation of responsibilities surrounding research project authorisation.</p>
<b>What's different?</b>	<p>NSW Health Pathology is a statewide Public Health Organisation that holds responsibility for all research projects conducted within its facilities and by its employees.</p> <p>Before this change, NSW Health Pathology had no single, statewide research governance approval process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Local Health Districts (LHDs) signed off governance approval on behalf of NSW Health Pathology</li><li>– NSW Health Pathology was not listed as a 'Site' in the online national ethics &amp; governance systems.</li></ul> <p>There was previously no approval process for the release of data for research.</p>
<b>Who is this relevant to?</b>	<p>For <u>NSW Health Pathology employees</u>; research governance will apply to all human research undertaken within NSW Health Pathology facilities and the NSW Health Statewide Biobank, involving NSW Health Pathology employees as investigators.</p> <p>For <u>non-NSW Health Pathology researchers</u>; research governance will apply when a non-NSW Health Pathology researcher collaborates with one or more NSW Health Pathology employees as investigators, and uses a NSW Health Pathology site or requires access to pathology data for research.</p> <p>This applies to all NSW Health Pathology sites and facilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Clinical Services</li><li>– Forensic and Analytical Services (FASS)</li><li>– NSW Health Pathology's Statewide Biobank</li></ul>



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<p><b>What do I need to do?</b></p>	<p>All research projects must be submitted for ethical and governance review via <a href="https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au">REGIS</a>) at <a href="https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au">https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>For <u>NSW Health Pathology employees</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Obtain ‘in principle’ approval from your Laboratory Manager &amp;/or Laboratory/Clinical Director.</li></ul> <p><b><i>Please keep a copy of your e-communication to provide as evidence of local approval.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Submit your ethics and governance applications via REGIS, listing NSW Health Pathology as a site and include your location(s). Note: REGIS supports single and multi-site projects.</li><li>– Your governance application (Site Specific Application - SSA) in REGIS will require electronic approval from a “Head of Department”. For NSW Health Pathology, this is the relevant Operational Director.</li></ul> <p><b><i>Please send your e-communication to the Operational Director as evidence of local approval.</i></b></p> <p>For <u>Research collaborations between NSW Health Pathology employees and non-NSW Health Pathology researchers</u>, i.e. where a NSW Health Pathology employee is a collaborating investigator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Add NSW Health Pathology as a site to your Human Research Ethics Application (HREA)</li><li>- Consult with the collaborating NSW Health Pathology employee and follow the procedure above ‘<u>For NSW Health Pathology employees</u>’.</li></ul> <p>For <u>services for non-NSW Health Pathology researchers</u>, where there are no NSW Health Pathology employees as investigators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Clinical service requests e.g. clinical trials, are to be directed to the local NSW Health Pathology Research (Trials) Coordinator.</li><li>– Data service requests are to be directed to the NSW Health Pathology Research Governance Officer.</li></ul> <p>Please see relevant contact details listed on the last page of this information sheet.</p> <p>If you are unsure, please contact NSW Health Pathology’s Research Governance Office (RGO) or go to <a href="https://www.pathology.health.nsw.gov.au/research-and-innovation/research-governance">https://www.pathology.health.nsw.gov.au/research-and-innovation/research-governance</a>.</p>
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REGIS	1300 073 447	<a href="https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/">https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/</a>
Online Forms	02 9037 8404	<a href="https://au.ethicsform.org/">https://au.ethicsform.org/</a>
NSW Health: OHMR	02 9391 9228	<a href="http://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/policies-guidelines/">www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/policies-guidelines/</a>
NSW HRECs	See URL	<a href="http://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/ethics-governance-contacts/">www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/ethics-governance-contacts/</a>