

Submission Highlights & IRB Meeting Dates
HKU/HA HKW Institutional Review Board (HKU/HA HKW IRB)
香港大學及醫院管理局港島西醫院聯網研究倫理委員會

I. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

NEW Hospital Authority Clinical Research Ethics Review Portal

All applicants have to upload your research ethics application through the HA CRER Portal (<https://hacrerportal.ha.org.hk/>).

- (A) **IMPORTANT STEPS** to take when using the HA CRER Portal for uploading
1. Please read the Configuration, User Manuals and Quick Guides provided on the webpage.
 2. If you already have an HA e-mail account (e.g. : xxxxx@ha.org.hk) or HKU e-mail account (e.g. xxxxx@hku.hk) then you can access to the Portal after signing up:
<https://hacrerportal.ha.org.hk/>
 3. If you do not have an HA e-mail account or HKU e-mail account, then you need to sign up a User Account first.
 4. Provide details in the Application Form on the Portal.
 5. Upload all the key documents (e.g. Investigator’s Brochure, Protocol, Information Sheet and Consent Forms, Assessment Tools, Questionnaires, short CV, etc) by providing the key documents a specific Document Name with Version No. and Date (e.g. *Study Protocol, Version no.01 dated 2022.05.16*) on the Portal.
 6. **Submit** your application in the Portal.
 7. Print out hard copy for All documents and obtain the required signatures and endorsements.
 8. Send in **one hard-copy set** (with the required “**Original Signatures**”) to IRB for initial checking. Extra copies (depending on the type of review) may be required later as listed below.
 9. We will inform you if any changes are required, so that you could revise the documents on the Portal.
 10. The required number of copies of documents for :
 - (a) **Expedited Review: 2 hard copies** (with 1 copy having the required Original Signatures) for **ALL** types of documents; or
 - (b) **Full Review:** (i) **1 hard copy** with Original Signatures and ALL types of documents; (ii) **8 hard copies** of : Application Form (with copied signatures) and Informed Consent Forms (English & Chinese versions if applicable).
 11. Key documents for a submission should include the following:
 - (a) Research Submission
 - i. Covering submission letter
 - ii. Application form
 - iii. Protocol (with Version No. and Date)
 - iv. Investigator’s brochure (applicable to clinical drug trials)
 - v. Information sheet and consent form (English & Chinese) (with Version No. and Date).
 - vi. All Investigators’ short CVs.
 - vii. All Investigators’ Conflict of Interest Declaration Forms
 - viii. Other study-related documents, e.g. questionnaire, assessment tools, etc.
 - ix. Certificate of insurance, if applicable
 - x. Declaration of support from other departments/services form, if applicable

(b) Case Report Submission

- i. Application form
- ii. Abstract of Case Report
- iii. Journal's ethical requirement
- iv. Patient's Consent Form (if applicable)

For post-approval applications, please send in 1 hard copy with Original Signature and concerned document(s) to IRB, and then you can click "**Submit**" in HA CRER Portal directly. Portal application is only exempted for projects submitted via Old Portal or other means (please send in 1 hard copy with Original Signature and concerned document(s) and 1 soft copy (by CD-R/USB) of concerned document(s) to IRB).

II. Review Fees

	Type of Submission	Fee for research ethics review by IRB for company-sponsored trials founded on a clinical trial agreement (CTA) (Full Review or Expedited Review)	Fee for another Full-Review due to significant changes to the study protocol	Fee for scientific evaluation by Scientific Review Panel	Total Fees
1.	Phase 1 clinical trial	HK\$17,500 (initial application)		HK\$20,000 (or US\$2,548*)	HK\$37,500
2.	Other company-sponsored clinical trials	HK\$17,500 (initial application)		Not applicable	HK\$17,500
3.	Significant changes to the study protocol that require IRB to perform another Full Review		HK\$14,000		HK\$14,000
4.	Significant changes to the study protocol that require IRB to perform another Full Review and legal vetting of CTA		HK\$17,500		HK\$17,500

* with bank charges

A cheque made payable to "Hospital Authority - Queen Mary Hospital" is required to be submitted together with the application documents. All charges are non-refundable.

III. Endorsement on the application form by Chief of Service or Head of Department (or authorized representatives)

1. For HKU (Faculty of Medicine/Dentistry) staff, if the principal investigator / co-investigator is a Head of Department, the application form has to be endorsed by the Associate Dean (Research).
2. For HA staff, if the principal investigator /co-investigator is a Chief of Service, the application form has to be endorsed by the appropriate Hospital Chief Executive (HCE), or the appropriate Cluster Chief Executive (CCE) should the HCE is also participating in the research concerned.

IV. Submission address

The Secretary, HKU/HA HKW Institutional Review Board
Room 901, 9/F, Administration Block, Queen Mary Hospital,
102 Pok Fu Lam Road,
Hong Kong.

V. Enquiries

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VI. IRB Meeting Dates for Full-Review

The IRB Secretariat will schedule a full-review only after receiving all required documents, including any necessary amendments, in advance. They will confirm the date of the full-review meeting for the principal investigator (or a study co-investigator) to present, if applicable. For updates on the status of full-review listings, please contact the IRB Secretary directly.

Full-Review Meeting Dates

2024

Month		Dates of meeting (Tuesday /Wednesday)			
January	2024	2	Jan	2024	Tuesday
		17	Jan	2024	Wednesday
February	2024	6	Feb	2024	Tuesday
		21	Feb	2024	Wednesday
March	2024	5	Mar	2024	Tuesday
		20	Mar	2024	Wednesday
April	2024	2	Apr	2024	Tuesday
		17	Apr	2024	Wednesday
May	2024	7	May	2024	Tuesday
		22	May	2024	Wednesday
June	2024	4	Jun	2024	Tuesday
		19	Jun	2024	Wednesday
July	2024	2	Jul	2024	Tuesday
		17	Jul	2024	Wednesday
August	2024	6	Aug	2024	Tuesday
		21	Aug	2024	Wednesday
September	2024	3	Sept	2024	Tuesday
		25	Sept	2024	Wednesday
October	2024	8	Oct	2024	Tuesday
		23	Oct	2024	Wednesday
November	2024	5	Nov	2024	Tuesday
		20	Nov	2024	Wednesday
December	2024	3	Dec	2024	Tuesday
		18	Dec	2024	Wednesday

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