



The Research Development Unit presents

Single Ethical Review and the Research Governance Service

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- Date:** Thursday 8th September 2016
- Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
- Venue:** Lecture Theatre G.3, Education Building, **Fiona Stanley Hospital**
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- Who:** Open to all involved in research projects at WA Health sites or involving WA Health participants, their tissue or their data

Single ethical review of multi-site human research within WA Health was introduced in 2013, as a forerunner for the introduction of the National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) process. This has allowed administrative processes for authorising research projects at multiple sites with one ethical review to be established prior to legally joining the NMA. The NMA will provide WA Health sites the ability to accept ethical approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) sponsored by a public sector Australian institution.

Members of the NMA are required to have the capability of a web-based research governance platform to submit, track and report on applications. WA Health has been developing the Research Governance Service (RGS) IT platform to meet the NMA requirements and sign the Memorandum of Understanding in 2017. Stage 1 of the RGS is due for release in November 2016 and extra capabilities to support the NMA will be released over 2017.

The RGS provides a collaborative workspace for investigators, project members, sponsors, institutions, research governance offices and HRECs to govern and report on research through the life cycle of the project, from initial application to publication. All research projects conducted within WA Health or involving WA Health participants, their tissue or their data must utilise the RGS.

Information sessions are being held across WA Health so that everyone who intends on conducting research can find out how the process will work in the RGS.

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Welcome to the Research Governance Service (RGS)

RGS is an information technology system which supports the research governance framework for conducting WA Health human research projects.

The RGS is a centralised system for investigators, research group members and sponsors to complete, submit, manage and track their ethics and governance documentation through the lifecycle of their human research project. This includes approval/authorisation, monitoring and publication.

In addition, the service provides for Ethics, Research Governance and Hospital Administrators, Human Research Ethics Committees and Subcommittees to administer and report on all human research conducted within WA Health or accessing WA Health participants, their tissue or data.

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