



Get to Know Health PEI's Research Ethics Board (PEI REB)

Research in healthcare is one of the drivers of innovation and quality care, and review by a Research Ethics Board (REB) is a necessary part of research in Canada. To support researchers in our province, and access to emerging therapies for PEI patients, Health PEI has a provincial **Research Ethics Board (PEI REB)**. The role of the PEI REB is to protect the rights, safety and well-being of participants in all human subject research involving Health PEI and the Department of Health and Wellness and their patients, staff, resources or data.

The **PEI REB** is a multidisciplinary committee which operates under the national standards established by the Panel on Responsible Conduct of Research. Its membership must include at least two members knowledgeable in research disciplines, fields and methodologies specific to the studies being reviewed; one member knowledgeable in ethics; one member knowledgeable in law and one community member who has no affiliation with Health PEI.

SCOPE OF REB REVIEW

The **PEI REB** evaluates research protocols with reference to scientific validity, informed consent, harm/benefit ratios, participant selection procedures, privacy issues, researchers' qualifications and adherence to accepted guidelines and legislation. The REB establishes procedures regarding protocols and consent forms. For a research project involving Health PEI or the Department of Health and Wellness to be conducted, the project must be found by the REB to be ethically acceptable.

Quick Facts about the PEI REB:

- The PEI REB is accountable to the Health PEI Board of Directors through its Quality and Safety Subcommittee.
- REB members are volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to reviewing and discussing research protocols and becoming knowledgeable about health research ethics.
- The REB is independent in its decision making and has the authority to approve, reject, propose modifications, suspend or terminate any proposed or ongoing research involving Health PEI or the Department of Health and Wellness, its patients, staff resources or data.
- The REB has the authority to audit and monitor research including auditing documents and observing the informed consent process.

For more information on the Prince Edward Island Research Ethics Board (PEI REB), please contact the Research Ethics Board Coordinator at reb@ihis.org