



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.

Health PEI has a provincial **Research Ethics Board (PEI REB)** which operates under the national standards established by the Panel on Research Ethics and helps support:

- 1) PE Islanders who wish to participate in research or access emerging therapies
- 2) Researchers based in PEI and beyond

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.

PEI REB evaluates research protocols with reference to scientific validity, informed consent, harm/benefit ratios, participant selection procedures, privacy concerns, 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 & Safety Subcommittee.
- PEI REB members are volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to reviewing and discussing research protocols and becoming knowledgeable about health research ethics.
- PEI REB membership is multidisciplinary, following the guidelines set out in the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS2).
- The PEI 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.

Please contact the *PEI REB Coordinator* at reb@ihis.org, for more information