

## **Research Ethics Newsletter: 2009 number 1**

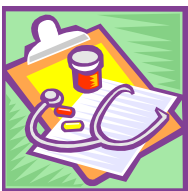


Why a newsletter? We are hoping that by communicating regularly with the research community you will be better informed about research ethics requirements, and the ethics review process will be facilitated in support of VIHA-wide research. If you are interested in receiving ongoing newsletters via email, please provide your email address to Marilyn Fuller at [marilyn.fuller@viha.ca](mailto:marilyn.fuller@viha.ca).

### **Comings & Goings**

- With over 12 years of experience with the Sick Kids Hospital REB, Margo Farren began as Research Ethics Coordinator (replacing Theresa Hunter) on January 26, 2009.
- Marilyn Fuller, Research Ethics Administrative Assistant for the past 11 years, will be retiring on August 7, 2009.
- Kenna Miskelly, Research Ethics Facilitator will be on a leave of absence from June 1 – July 17 inclusive. Margo Farren will be handling Kenna's duties in her absence.

### **Clinical Research Ethics Board news**



- With Richard Bachand's departure after 4 years of dedicated service as Chair, Dr. Don Daly has assumed the position of CREB Chair effective May 15, 2009
- As part of continuing educational activities for REB members, and in conjunction with the Health Research Ethics Board, a full day educational retreat will be held on September 11, 2009
- Improvements to the CREB application form, and SAE reporting form will be finalized within the next few months and posted to the REB website.

### **Health Research Ethics Board news**



- Lynn Cummings became the HREB Chair in January 2009. Thank you to Dr. Michael Joschko, for his hard work and dedication as HREB Chair for the past three years.
- As part of continuing educational activities for REB members, and in conjunction with the Clinical Research Ethics Board, a full day educational retreat will be held on September 11, 2009

- Improvements to the HREB application form as well as guidelines for completing the HREB application will be finalized within the next few months and posted to the REB website.

**REB website: [http://www.viha.ca/rnd/research\\_ethics/](http://www.viha.ca/rnd/research_ethics/)**



- Over the next few months, we plan to improve the use of the REB website as a source of information, guidance documents etc. Stay tuned for more announcements.

### **Outreach & Training**



- Beginning this fall, Research Ethics Office staff will be available to provide training sessions on updated requirements, provide guidance or assistance individually or as a group, or assist in other ways, upon request. Please invite us to a departmental meeting to answer your questions.

### **Research Ethics Office Staff**

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