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DSRB-012014: Mutual Recognition of Research Ethics Review between SingHealth-CIRB and NHG-DSRB.

Singapore, 22 May 2014 – Public healthcare clusters SingHealth and the National Healthcare Group (NHG) have established a mutual recognition of their institutional review boards (IRBs), which looks after research involving human subjects in the public healthcare sector. The two clusters signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) today to mutually recognise both of their ethics reviews.

This is a milestone for medical research in Singapore, where clinicians, scientists and researchers doing multi-centre studies in public hospitals or institutions no longer have to undergo multiple ethics reviews with different ethics review boards. The mutual recognition of the two IRBs potentially saves time, effort and costs, ultimately benefitting research that leads to better patient care.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the MOU.

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With effect from 1st July 2014, only a single IRB application is required for new cross-cluster research studies involving institutions under the purview of SingHealth-CIRB and NHG-DSRB.

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