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With effect from **1st January 2015**, all investigators and study team members who are involved in the design, conduct or reporting of the research in institutions under the oversight of NHG DSRB are required to complete the Financial Conflicts of Interest (FCOI) course. It aims to educate investigators and study team members on how conflicting interests may adversely affect the protection of participants or the credibility of the human research protection programme.

2.1) What is the NHG CITI FCOI course?

The Financial Conflicts of Interest (FCOI) course is a sub-component of the CITI Program. It comprises the following core modules:

- 1. NHG – Singapore. Overview of Domain Specific Review Board (DSRB) Review Process
- 2. Conflicts of Interest in Research Involving Human Subjects

It is important to affiliate with “National Healthcare Group – Singapore” so that you can access the FCOI Course.

2.2) I have not obtained my CITI certification, do I need to complete the FCOI course/modules in addition to the basic set of CITI modules?

Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators who have not obtained their CITI certification as of 1st January 2015 will need to complete the full set of 10 core modules and 5 elective modules, as described in item 1.1 above. The 2 FCOI modules are encompassed within the 10 core modules in CITI. Therefore, there is no need to complete the FCOI course/modules separately.

It is not mandatory for Study Team Members to complete the full set of 10 core modules and 5 elective modules. Therefore, they will only need to complete the FCOI course.

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2.3) I have obtained my CITI certification, do I need to complete the FCOI course/modules?

Principal Investigators, Co-Investigators and Study Team Members who have obtained their CITI certification before 1st January 2015 will be considered to have completed the FCOI course if they had completed the 2 FCOI modules.

If they have not completed the modules, they can choose to complete the missing elective module “Conflicts of Interest in Research Involving Human Subjects” from the menu of completed/incomplete modules or complete the FCOI course.

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