REMINDER

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON HUMAN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH APPROPRIATE CONSENT REQUIREMENTS

If you are conducting human biomedical research (HBR); you must ensure appropriate consent is obtained from your subjects.

1. For recruitment of new subjects in HBR studies

You must obtain *Appropriate Consent.

2. For subjects previously recruited without Appropriate Consent; and are returning for research interventions

You must obtain *Appropriate Consent before carrying out the next research intervention.

3. For subjects previously recruited with only relevant consent

You must obtain *Appropriate Consent before continuing to collect and use identifiable data.

4. For studies granted a waiver of consent before 1 Nov 2017

The HBR Exemption Regulations 2018 **has expired**.

You must ensure you had either:

- Sought an IRB re-evaluation of your waiver of consent, or
- Obtained *Appropriate Consent, or
- De-identified Health Information/ Human Biomedical Material, or
- Completed and closed the study.

For NHG studies: If none of the above had been done, stop your study activities and contact the **NHG RI** to discuss on the next course of action.

CONTRAVENTIONS

It is a criminal offence to contravene the HBRA and its applicable regulations. Researchers and research staff who conduct HBR must ensure compliance. Offenders may be fined or imprisoned or both, subject to the nature of the offence.

You may wish to refer to the Ministry of Health (MOH) website at www.moh.gov.sg for the legislation and guides on the HBRA.

*Appropriate Consent refers to consent given by a person, or where applicable by another person on his or her behalf, in accordance with Part 3 of the HBRA.