

Standard Operating Procedure for Membership Formation for Research Ethics Committee

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1 Objective

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) sets out the process and procedure for forming and managing a Research Ethics Committee (REC) in the HKSH Medical Group ("HKSH").

2 Scope and Definition

Not Applicable

3 Responsibility

Not Applicable

4 Training and Qualification

Not Applicable

5 Procedure Details

5.1 Appointment of Members

- 5.1.1 Members are invited and appointed by the HKSH Management Committee (HMC) of HKSH.
- 5.1.2 Members are selected on the basis of maturity, experience and expertise. The members collectively should have the qualifications and experience to review and evaluate the ethical, medical and scientific aspects of proposals for research and trials / clinical research studies.
- 5.1.3 The REC shall consist of at least 10 members, including:
 - (a) at least 2 members who are medical / pharmaceutical professionals;
 - (b) at least 2 members who are not medical / pharmaceutical professionals;
 - (c) at least 2 members who have legal expertise;
 - (d) at least 1 member each of the feminine and masculine genders; and
 - (e) at least 2 members who are independent of research/clinical trial establishments.

5.2 Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

5.2.1 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be elected by members among themselves.

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5.3 Terms of office

- 5.3.1 A member shall hold office for 3 years, and at the expiry of the term of office shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 5.3.2 The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman shall hold office for 3 years, and at the expiry of the term of office shall be eligible for re-election.
- 5.3.3 In the event of resignation or death of a member, HMC will appoint a member to serve the unexpired portion of the resigning/deceased member's term.

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- 6.1 The REC Secretary is required to maintain an updated list of REC members and their qualifications.
- 6.2 All the updated information of the REC members including the membership list and members' contact information, occupation and organization will be publicized to the general public through the website of HKSH.

Attachment

Not Applicable

8 **Reference Documents**

Not Applicable

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