



Call for Nominations for Members of the Committee for Harmonized Health Impact, Privacy, and Ethics Review (CHIPER)

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in a unique challenge in the area of ethics and privacy review for health research?

Research Improvements Through Harmonization In Manitoba (RITHIM) is a new initiative led by Research Manitoba that seeks to redesign the process of ethics review in Manitoba.

As part of this process, the Provincial RITHIM Committee (PRC) is calling for nominations for reviewer members for the **Committee for Harmonized Health Impact, Privacy, and Ethics Review (CHIPER)**. This committee consolidates the work previously performed by University of Manitoba's Health Research Ethics Board (HREB) and Biomedical Research Ethics Board (BREB), and the Province of Manitoba's Health Information Privacy Committee (HIPC).

RITHIM is currently seeking up to fifty reviewers to join CHIPER, with backgrounds in research ethics and privacy.

CHIPER is represented by two Chairs, who report through the PRC to the Research Manitoba Board.

CHIPER will commence operations in **Spring 2021**, with initial training and introductions beginning several months prior. CHIPER is a unique new initiative in establishing a centralized model for the review of ethics, privacy, and operational impact for health research in Manitoba. As a centralized committee, CHIPER will provide robust reviews of ethics and privacy, and will streamline the process for operational impact reviews. CHIPER serves the health research community in Manitoba, harmonizing over 25 different paper-based application processes into one streamlined process, supported by a newly created, innovative, multidisciplinary online platform. CHIPER will review applications on a monthly basis, maintaining the separation for the review of health and biomedical applications. The committee will operate like a college of reviewers. Not all 50 members will be present at each review committee meeting. Panels will be created based on the nature of the applications up for review each month.

Expertise

CHIPER is seeking members with a wide range of knowledge and expertise. We are recruiting researchers, privacy experts, formal ethicists, legal experts, and members with indigenous research perspectives. Some of the desired areas of scientific expertise include: pediatrics, clinical trials, oncology, radiology, surgery, clinical



psychology, general medicine, qualitative research, archival research, population health. Expertise and knowledge related to privacy is also desired including understanding of: processes, content, and methodology related to research with administrative health data, the Personal Health Information Act, clinical datasets, best practices for transferring data between institutions for research purposes.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing process to fill identified needs of the committee.

Nomination packages must include a curriculum vitae and cover letter summarizing the nominees' relevant experience and background, and clearly indicate a willingness to be nominated. Nominations should be sent to:

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For additional information, please refer to the CHIPER Composition SOP and the CHIPER Duties SOP on the RITHIM website at rithim.ca *Note that these SOPs are provisional. They have been reviewed by a working group, but have yet to be approved by the Provincial RITHIM Committee.*