

Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board N2/CAREB REB SOP Addendum

OCREB has adopted the N2/CAREB REB SOPs. However, in order to reflect specific OCREB requirements, this addendum must be used in tandem with the SOP noted below*.

N2/CAREB SOP 201 – Composition of the REB

SOP Section	OCREB Addendum
<p>5.2.3 The REB will include at least five members represented by the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two members who have expertise in relevant research disciplines, field and methodologies covered by the REB (for biomedical clinical trials, this will include at least one member who practices medicine or dentistry and who is in good standing with their regulatory body), • At least one member who is primarily experienced in non-scientific disciplines • At least one member who is knowledgeable in ethics, • At least one member who is knowledgeable in the relevant law. This is mandatory for biomedical research and is advisable, but not mandatory, for other areas of research, and • At least one community member who has no affiliation with the organization or the sponsor, and who is not part of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the organization 	<p>5.2.3 The REB will include at least five members represented by the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two members who have expertise in relevant research disciplines, field and methodologies covered by the REB, including at least one member who practices medicine and who is in good standing with their regulatory body, • At least one member who is primarily experienced in non-scientific disciplines, • At least one member who is knowledgeable in ethics relevant to research, • At least one member who is knowledgeable in the relevant law, • At least one member knowledgeable in privacy issues, as per the Ontario Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) 2004. • At least one member from the community or is a representative of an organization interested in the areas of research and who has no affiliation with the Participating Organization, or with the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research or with the sponsor, and who is not part of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the Participating Organization or with the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research;
<p>5.2.6 Membership, when required, should include at least one member who has expertise in complementary or alternative care or pediatric health research;</p>	<p>5.2.6 Membership, when required, should include at least one member who has expertise in complementary or alternative care, and at least three members who have expertise in pediatric health research;</p>
<p>5.2.8 Additional membership as required by applicable legislation or policies.</p>	<p>5.2.8 Additional membership as required by applicable legislation or policies. Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As an oncology expert REB, OCREB membership will include oncologists; nurses or other professionals with cancer care and/or cancer research experience; informed community members and/or cancer survivors; member(s) knowledgeable in considering privacy issues and other relevant disciplines such as pharmacy, pathology, epidemiology and biostatistics; • As a central, provincial REB, OCREB membership will include broad representation from across Ontario;

Revision History

Date/Version	Summary of Changes
August 28, 2018/001	Original version.
March 21, 2025/004	Additional category added to 5.2.3
June 5, 2026/005	5.2.8 – Changed “guidelines” to “policies”.