

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 501 – REB Review During Publicly Declared Emergencies

SOP Section	OCREB Addendum
<p>5.2.10 Any modifications that are made in the application of research ethics policies and procedures during a publicly declared emergency must be documented and appropriately justified;</p> <p>5.2.11 The REB Chair or designee should periodically assess the impact of the emergency on the ethics review processes and adjust any temporary ethics review processes accordingly;</p> <p>5.2.12 Any modifications that are made in the application of research ethics policies and procedures during a publicly declared emergency will cease as soon as is feasible after the emergency has officially ended (i.e., as declared by an authorized public official). The REB Chair or designee will determine when to resume routine ethics review processes;</p> <p>5.4.2 When the impact of the publicly declared emergency on ethics review processes is determined to be severe, any new research not related to the publicly declared emergency will not be reviewed until the emergency is declared to be over.</p>	<p>5.2.10 In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OCREB has revised its procedures related to the reporting and review of suspensions of study enrolment as follows, for the duration of the pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRE and CRE notifications regarding a temporary suspension of enrollment for the approved study, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, do not need to be submitted to OCREB. • Any that are submitted will undergo Administrative review and Acknowledgement by the responsible OCREB Research Ethics Coordinator; an admin acknowledgement letter will be issued. • If preferred, Provincial Applicants (or sponsors) and centres may email a list of all studies for which enrolment has been suspended, along with related sponsor or institutional communication to: ocrebonline@oicr.on.ca <p>5.4.2 In response to the COVID-19 pandemic OCREB has determined that new research may continue to be reviewed based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the available resources of the board; • an assessment of the relevance of the new research and the potential for benefit for participants; • the anticipation that enrollment into new studies may not occur for several months following the initial review. <p>All other changes to the conduct of the study will be processed as per OCREB's standard review procedures.</p>

Revision History	
Date/Version	Summary of Changes
March 18, 2020/001	Original version.
April 3, 2020/002	5.4.2 added to address any reviews of new research