

# OCREB Webinar Series

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# Webinar Agenda

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- Introductions
- New OCREB members
- New OCREB staff
- OCREB Metrics
- Compensation vs Reimbursement
- Ethics in the News
- REC Reminders
- Q&A

# New OCREB Members



September 1, 2024

<b>Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board Membership Roster</b> (Health Canada, TCPS, PHIPA, ICH GCP, US: FDA & OHRP) <i>*Any member may qualify as non-affiliated when the research under review is not being conducted at his/her institution.</i>			
Voting Member Name, Degrees, Area of Expertise Institutional Affiliation(s)*, City	Role(s) on REB*	Sex	Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident Y/N
<b>Chair:</b> Limoges, Jacqueline PhD, MSCN, RN Associate Professor Athabasca University, Athabasca, AB	Scientific, Research Ethics, Non-affiliated	F	Y
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Doi, Jeff Hon BSc, BScPhm, RPh, BCPS Clinical Trials Pharmacist University Health Network - Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto	Scientific (Pharmacology)	M	Y
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Grant, Ronald MD, FRCPC, LMCC Medical Oncology The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto	Scientific (Pediatrics)	M	Y
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mates, Mihaela MD, FRCPC Medical Oncology Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Kingston	Scientific	F	Y
Ahrari, Soha BSc, BScPhm, MSc, RPh (alternate) Clinical Trials Pharmacist Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto	Scientific (Pharmacology)	F	Y
Alexander, Natasha MBBS, MSc., MRCPCH, FRCPC (alternate) Pediatrician (oncology expertise) Primary Care Clinic, Sunnybrook, Southlake and Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto	Scientific (Pediatrics)	F	Y
Bedard, Philippe MD, FRCPC (alternate) Medical Oncology Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto	Scientific	M	Y
Besel, Kate BSc (alternate) Clinical Research Associate Unity Health, Toronto	Scientific	F	Y
Black, Morgan, BMSc; MSc Clinical Research Associate London Regional Cancer Program, London Health Sciences Centre, London	Scientific	F	Y
Ruick, Catrina (Trina) RN MN PhD (Candidate), CON (alternate)			

<https://ocreb.ca/about-ocreb/meetings-and-membership/>



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safeguarding the rights and well-being of cancer research participants

# New OCREB Staff

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- Sina Toufighi – Research Ethics Coordinator

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- Joshua van Ry– Research Ethics Officer

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# OCREB Metrics

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# OCREB Metrics

53 Members



13 Full Board Meetings

8.5 Staff



3 Vice Chairs



Reviewing

96 PIAs

45 PAMs

309 PCRs



55 active

40 pending

1 complete

Managing

709 Active Studies

and

1,889 Study Centres



Reviewing and Approving

4,187 Submissions Approved

7,103 submissions



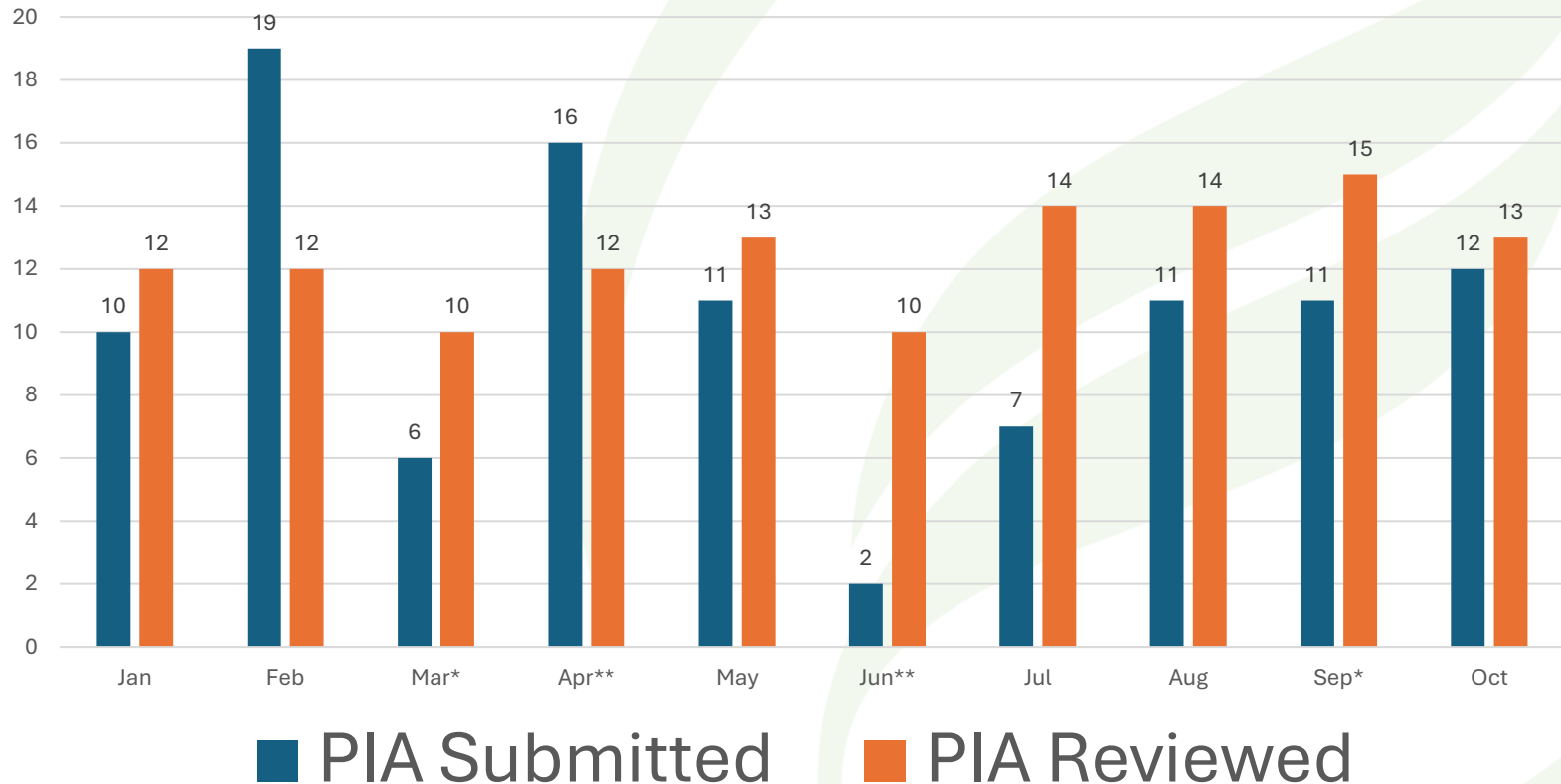
# Support 28 Centres

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- Cambridge Memorial
- CHEO
- Grand River
- Halton
- Hamilton
- Health Sciences North
- Humber River
- Kingston
- Lakeridge Health
- London
- Oak Valley
- Michael Garron
- Mount Sinai
- Niagara Health
- North York General
- Ottawa
- Royal Victoria
- Sick Kids
- Southlake
- St. Joseph's Hamilton
- Sunnybrook
- Thunder Bay
- Trillium
- UHN
- Unity Health
- William Osler
- Windsor
- Women's College

# Metrics 2024

PIA Submissions and Reviews





# Metrics – PIA Timelines

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	2024 Submission to Approval (55 active)	Meeting to Applicant First Response
Min	38.49	11.57
Max	185	159.40
Average	104	36.85
Median	99	32.71

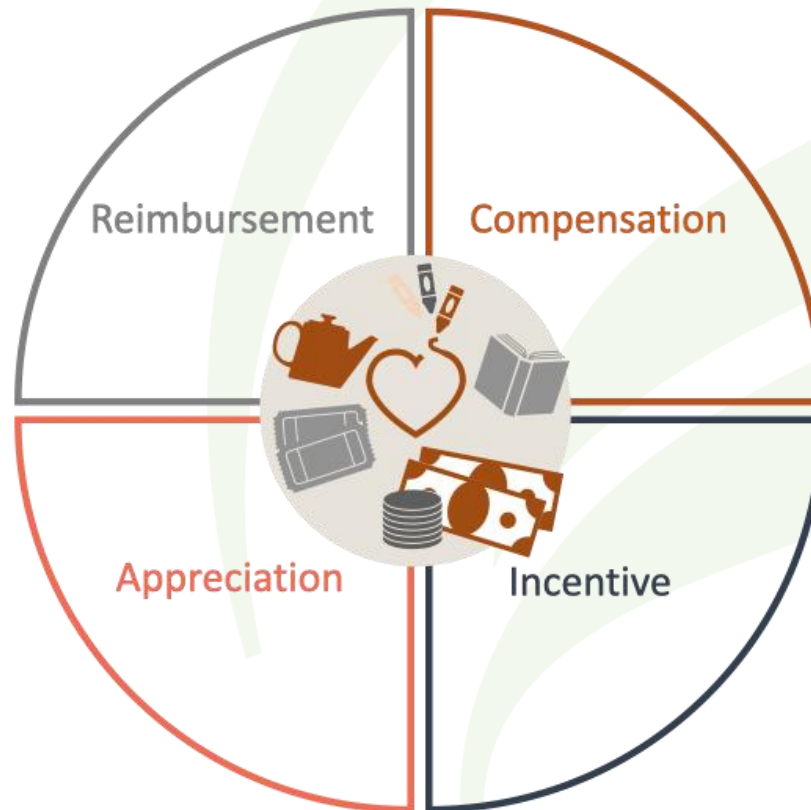
# Some Reminders

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- Let Aurora know what you anticipate submitting
- Urgent issue? Contact your REC
- PIA Q1.14 and 1.14.1 → Include your site
- Ensure your response is complete

# Compensation vs Reimbursement

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## Reimbursement

- Provided to research participants to cover expenses they incur as a result of their participation in the study.
- Direct: Reasonable out of pocket expenses such as transportation costs, parking etc. that are necessary to participate in the research.
- Indirect: Offered to participants for costs such as taking unpaid leave from work or any opportunity costs.

# Compensation vs Reimbursement

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## “Compensation” or Incentives

- “Anything offered to participants monetary or otherwise”
- Meant to acknowledge the time, effort, and any potential inconvenience a participant may encounter.
- Over and above any reimbursement

# Compensation vs Reimbursement

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## Type of Incentives or Compensation

- Cash or In-kind
- Limitations to non-cash incentives
- Payment platforms
- Cash as an Alternative

# Compensation vs Reimbursement

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## Issues of Compensation for Consideration

- Undue Influence/Coercion
- Clearly stating reimbursement & incentives in the consent form
- Tax implications
- “General Compensation” by sponsors

# Ethics in the News

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## Regulatory & Ethical Updates

### **FDA**

Electronic Systems, Electronic Records, and Electronic Signatures in Clinical Investigations Questions and Answers Guidance for Industry (Oct. 1, 2024)

Integrating Randomized Controlled Trials for Drug and Biological Products Into Routine Clinical Practice: Draft Guidance for Industry (Sept. 18, 2024)

Conducting Clinical Trials With Decentralized Elements (Sept. 18, 2024)

Considerations for Generating Clinical Evidence from Oncology Multiregional Clinical Development Programs (Sept. 16, 2024)



# Ethics in the News

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## Regulatory & Ethical Updates

### **Panel on Research Ethics**

Applying the Single REB Review Model for Multi-jurisdictional Minimal Risk Research (July 22, 2024)

Use of Crowdsourcing Platforms for Recruitment in Research (July 22, 2024)

### **WHO**

Guidance for best practices for clinical trials (Sept. 25, 2024)

# Ethics in the News

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## New Private REB in Canada: Univo IRB



<https://www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/news/univo-irb-trial-review/>

# Ethics in the News

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## Pictou Landing Class action - MRI: additional Scans Taken for Another Study



<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/nova-scotia-judge-approves-mikmaw-class-action-against-physicians/>

# Ethics in the News

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## Biocybernaut: Neurofeedback and Informed Consent



<https://www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/features/brain-school-study-indigenous-biocybernaut-james-hardt>

# Ethics in the News

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## Research Ethics: Why it matters



# REC Reminders

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# Q&A

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- Questions for OCREB?

