

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 602 – Communication – Research Participants

SOP Section	OCREB Addendum
5.0 PROCEDURE Research participants should be able to voice their concerns, questions and request information regarding their participation or potential participation in research, in confidence, to an informed individual on the REB or in the REB office;	5.0 PROCEDURE Research participants should be able to voice their concerns, questions and request information regarding their participation or potential participation in research, in confidence, to an informed individual on the REB or in the REB office. Additionally: Given that consent forms typically direct participants to the REB for queries about their rights, or for questions about ethical issues related to a study, participant communication may require collaboration between the REB and the institution. In a multi-centre review model, the REB of Record may not be familiar with local institutional contacts, processes or expectations for addressing participant concerns. Some participant communication may relate solely to investigator or institution responsibilities and require limited or no involvement of the REB of Record, while others may have significant ethical considerations. Thus, some organizations will designate a representative responsible for liaising and communicating with the REB of Record about participant complaints.

Revision History	
Date/Version	Summary of Changes
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December 4, 2019/002	5.1.1: removed as addendum no longer required with N2/CAREB REB SOP v3
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