

Transition Policy Statement

On July 1, 2011, the *Health Research Ethics Authority Act* was proclaimed and is the law in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador to regulate the ethical approval of health research involving human subjects.

s.9 (1) A person shall not engage in health research involving human subjects without first obtaining approval for the research from the research ethics board or a research ethics body approved by the authority under section 8.

(2) A person shall submit an application for approval to engage in health research involving human subjects to the authority.

To clarify the transition for health research proposals that have already commenced the ethics approval process before July 1st, 2011, the following transition principles have been adopted by the Health Research Ethics Board:

1. Any research proposal for health research to be conducted in Newfoundland and Labrador which is submitted for ethics approval after June 30th, 2011, shall be submitted to the Health Research Ethics Authority Ethics Office for ethics review and approval.
2. Research that has already been approved by a research ethics board shall continue to be the responsibility of that research ethics board.
3. Research that has commenced the approval process by submission to a research ethics board will continue to be the responsibility of that research ethics board.