



Policy Directive

Research

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Board of Directors

Compliance with this policy directive is mandatory.



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Statement:	The CYWHS is committed to leadership in research and recognises that the maintenance of excellence in research is an investment in the future health of the community it serves. Research is integral to the role of the CYWHS and its personnel.
Rationale:	The CYWHS recognises the need for excellence in research to support and improve services for children, youth and women, and to improve health and wellbeing.
Scope:	This policy applies to all CYWHS employees and non-CYWHS researchers and research students undertaking research at the CYWHS.
Definitions and Acronyms:	<p>For the purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following acronyms will apply:</p> <p>AEC: <i>Animal Ethics Committee.</i> AHREC: <i>Aboriginal Health Research Ethics Committee.</i> DoH: <i>Department of Health.</i> HREC: <i>Human Research Ethics Committee.</i> IBC: <i>Institutional Biosafety Committee.</i> NHMRC: <i>National Health and Medical Research Council.</i> OGTR: <i>Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.</i> RGC: <i>Research Grants Committee.</i> RRC: <i>Research Reference Committee.</i></p>
Policy Principles:	<p>CYWHS will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Encourage and foster high quality research to improve the health of children, youth and women.2. Identify and encourage new opportunities in research that encompass the strategic directions of the CYWHS.3. Encourage the generation and use of research evidence in strategic planning, decision making and health care.4. Ensure that research in the CYWHS is conducted ethically and in accordance with relevant legislation, regulations and NHMRC guidelines.5. Manage and coordinate the use of resources.6. Promote opportunities for collaborative research locally, nationally and internationally.7. Maximise opportunities for funding for research and research infrastructure.8. Publish and publicise research findings within the organisation, to professional colleagues, to the broader community, and to policy makers and planners.9. Provide support and opportunities for employees to participate in research.10. Provide high quality research education for undergraduate and postgraduate students in collaboration with Universities and College partners.11. Capture and fully utilise Intellectual Property generated by research.

Related Documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYWHS Ethics Policy. • Intellectual Property Policy 2006 (Government of South Australia). • Handbook on the Regulation of Gene Technology in Australia. • National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Australian Government, NHMRC, ARC and AVCC). • Values and Ethics: Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research 2003 (NHMRC). • When does quality assurance in health care require independent ethical review? (NHMRC).
Legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Australian Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1985. • Privacy Act (Commonwealth). • Gene Technology Act, 2000.
Key Words:	Policy, Research, Ethics.
Supporting Procedures/ Guidelines:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYWHS Code of Conduct for Research 2009. • Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2007 (Australian Government, NHMRC, ARC and Universities Australia), • Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes 7th ed. 2004 (NHMRC). • Code of Fair Information Practice 2004 (DoH). • Statement on Consumer and Community Participation in Health and Medical Research 2002 (NHMRC). • SA Public Hospitals Retention Disposal Schedule July 2000 – June 2010. • CYWHS Special Purpose Funds Financial Management Guidelines.
Effectiveness of this Policy:	<p>The performance indicators will be reported annually.</p> <p>Research Outputs e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of current research projects. • The number of research publications: peer reviewed journals, other journals / publications, book chapters, invited reviews. • The number of invitations to present at local / state / national / international meetings. • The number of successful grants and the names of the granting bodies. • Dollar value of competitive grants. • Dollar value of other grants. • The number of students currently being supervised at CYWHS (Honours, PhD, postdoctoral). • The number of students who completed coursework / graduated. • The number of patent applications lodged. • Dollar value of commercialisation revenue. <p>Research Outcomes</p> <p>Number and title of research projects in line with the S.A. Strategic Plan and CYWHS strategic directions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and evidence of research projects translated into clinical practice or improved population health (impact on service delivery, policy and health outcomes) through evaluation, audit or review against clinical practice guidelines, evidence-based practice, standards or Departmental / Divisional objectives. • The number and title of research projects addressing Aboriginal health and wellbeing. • The number and title of research projects addressing infant health and wellbeing. • The number and title of research projects addressing childhood overweight and obesity in the population. • The number and title of research projects addressing psychological wellbeing. • The number and title of research projects addressing reducing the number of young smokers • The number and title of research projects evaluating and informing the development of primary health care services.
Signature: Chief Executive	