

Manual Code:	IRE.0809
Subject:	Ensuring Ethical Approval, Scientific Merit, & Relevance of Research Involving TVCC Clients & Families
Policy Section:	Information – Research – Education
Policy Subsection:	Research
Date:	March 2023

Policy or Goal Statement

Research studies involving clients of TVCC go through an approval process to ensure the studies are ethical, have scientific merit, are relevant to TVCC, and are not onerous for study participants.

Scope

- This policy applies to approved research studies involving TVCC clients.
 - For Quality Improvement and Performance Evaluation projects, see IRE.0813. Ethics approval from a university ethics review committee would normally not be required when the primary intent is to collect information for quality improvement purposes only.

Principles

- All research studies requiring informed consent of TVCC clients and families need to be approved by a university ethics review committee. i.e. Western University's Review Board for Health Sciences Research Involving Human Subjects.
- The university ethics review committee must comply with guidelines promulgated through the Tri-Council Policy Statement “Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Human Subjects” (https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique_tcps2-eptc2_2022.html).
 - The Tri-Council policy statement is mandated by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Informed consent must be obtained for projects where the intent is to do research even if the information collected may be part of what is normally collected in the course of treatment or for quality improvement purposes.

Procedures

- The application and are instructions for researchers submitting applications for research projects involving TVCC clients are posted on TVCC's website.
- There are also specific procedures for TVCC Directors approving research involving TVCC clients.

Cross References:

Policies – J:\All_Staff\Policies\INFORMATION-RESEARCH-EDUCATION\Research\
IRE.0800 Privacy of Client Information in Research Studies

IRE.0802 Approval of Research Projects

IRE.0811 Ensuring Research Integrity

IRE.0813 Approval of Quality Improvement and Program Evaluation Projects

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Research Project Approval Procedure

TVCC Research Application Process: <https://www.tvcc.on.ca/participating-research>

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Chief Executive Officer:



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Quality Management Director:



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