



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Guidelines

This checklist and list of useful links is designed to assist researchers who are considering undertaking research that specifically targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research individuals and their communities at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney.

Item	Yes/No
Review the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (link below)	
Review the NHMRC Guideline "Ethical guidelines for research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" (link below)	
Consult with Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council Human Research Ethics Committee (see below for useful tips and links)	
Consult with SVHS Director of Aboriginal Health	
Consultation with appropriate internal Aboriginal advisory committees	
Consult with St Vincent's Hospital Research Office regarding submission to the St Vincent's Hospital HREC	
Demonstrate the existence of meaningful relationships with Aboriginal communities/services	
Consult with colleagues and St Vincent's Hospital researchers who have experience in developing and conducting research studies specifically targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	
Consider and address local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values in the design and conduct of this research. For example: Spirit and integrity; Cultural continuity; Equity; Reciprocity; Respect; Responsibility	
Describe the process that will be used to satisfy the requirements for community consultation, engagement and governance that apply to your research	

Note that HREC approval will be require from a certified Public Health Organisation HREC in addition to approval from the AH&MRC HREC.

Useful information from the AH&MRC HREC:

- AH&MRC HREC meets every six weeks
- Review time can take 6 – 8 weeks so plan accordingly
- Templates on the AH&MRC specific templates must be used (see AH&MRC website)
- Partners must be acknowledged in the final reports/findings
- As SVHS is an Australia wide organisation so you need not rely only on the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service

Useful links:

NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013 – 2023

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal/Publications/aboriginal-health-plan-2013-2023.pdf>

National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) – Updated 2018

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018>

NHMRC Ethical guidelines for research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/ethics/ethical-guidelines-research-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples>

AH&MRC Ethical Guidelines: Key Principles (2020) V2.0

<https://mk0ahmrchvhy3q0clf.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/V2.0-Key-principles-Updated.pdf>

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) HREC

<https://www.ahmrc.org.au/ethics-main-page/>

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