

TAHSN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (TREC)

Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviations Or, “You got your HRAF on my CRAWG!”

ARECCI

Alberta Research Ethics Community Consultation Initiative, working to harmonize research ethics processes Alberta-wide.

CGSB

The Canadian General Standards Board, working (independently from PRE) to develop national standards for REBs involved in clinical trials.

CIHR

Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

CORD

Council of Ontario Research Directors.

CRAWG

The Clinical Research Agreements Working Group. A working group of TREC.

FIPPA

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. UofT falls under FIPPA.

HRAF

Early attempt at an acronym for the Task Force for the Harmonization of REB Application Forms. It didn't catch on, but you may see it used in older minutes, emails, etc.

JCB

The Joint Centre for Bioethics

MSB

The Medical Sciences Building at the University of Toronto; location for meetings of TREC.

N2

The Network of Networks, a national initiative that brings together multiple existing disease networks and other stakeholders to enhance Canada's research capability and capacity.

PHI

Personal Health Information.

PHIPA

The *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, the provincial legislation governing the privacy of PHI. Pronounced “pee-hippa” to distinguish it from FIPPA.

PRE

The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics, created by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC to develop, implement and interpret the TCPS.

RAWG

The Research Administrators Working Group. A working group of TREC.

RE²

The Research Ethics and Research Education project coordinating research ethics, research education and training efforts within TAHSN. Pronounced “re-squared.”

REB

Research Ethics Board.

REB Working Group

Also called the REB Chairs Working Group. A working group of TREC, comprised of the Chairs of the TAHSN-member Research Ethics Boards.

REC

Earlier acronym for TREC.

REPAC

The University of Toronto Research Ethics and Policy Advisory Committee.

SOAR

System for Online Applications to REBs, our internal and unofficial name for the proposed web-based research ethics application system.

TAG

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TAHSN

Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network. Pronounced “tah-zin”.

TCPS

The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. The pending 2nd edition is referred to as **TCPS2**.

TCTRI

TAHSN Clinical Trials Research Initiative. A UofT project to develop a TAHSN/UofT Clinical Research Centre.

TF-SOP

The TREC Task Force on Standard Operating Procedures.

TRC

TAHSN Research Committee, the Committee of TAHSN that struck TREC, and that TREC reports to and through.

TREC

Current acronym for the TAHSN Research Ethics Committee. Pronounced “trek”.

TRIPS

Task Force on Relations with Industry and the Private Sector, a UofT task force.