

CanReview
Canada's Single Research Ethics Review System

CanÉval
Le système unique d'évaluation
de l'éthique de la recherche au Canada

# Keep Trials Moving: Progress Report

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**A “one study, one review” approach is vital to strengthening Canada’s clinical trials environment.**

- Increasing trials opportunities and access across Canada
- Increasing Canada’s competitiveness in attracting global trials
- Ensuring Canada delivers on a responsive, ethical, predictable and efficient single research ethics review process

# What is CanReview?

A pan-Canadian collaboration to enable **high-quality, highly efficient single research ethics reviews** for multi-site clinical trials conducted across Canada.

**Defined timelines:**

- 28 days for a country-wide review
- 5 days for individual site reviews

**CanReview is for:**

- ✓ Any health study or clinical trial with sites in 2 or more provinces or territories
- ✓ Sites that are participating in CanReview (i.e. signed agreement)

WE ARE READY TO PILOT FIRST STUDIES

# A Pan-Canadian System: Uptake and Support Across Canada

**Nearly 50 sites and REBs have executed the CanReview Agreement across 4 provinces.** Nearly 40 additional sites and REBs across 8 provinces are in process, are pursuing REB qualification, or have declared support.

## SITES

**British Columbia Neuro-Immunology Laboratory**
**Bruyère Health**
Bruyère Health Élisabeth Bruyère Hospital
Bruyère Health Greystone Transitional Care Unit
Bruyère Health Research Institute, Ottawa
Bruyère Health Village
Bruyère Saint Vincent Hospital
**Dalhousie University**
**Health Sciences North**
Health Sciences North Research Institute
**Hôpital Montfort**
Carrefour santé Aline-Chrétien / Aline-Chrétien Health Hub
Institut du savoir Montfort
**The Ottawa Hospital**
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
Civic Campus
General Campus
Riverside Campus
The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre
Rehabilitation Centre
Ontario Breast Screening Program – Ottawa Centre
Champlain Regional First Episode Psychosis Program
Irving Greenburg Family Cancer Centre
IGFCC located at the Queensway- Carleton Hospital
**University of Ottawa Heart Institute**
**Providence Care**
AB Homestead Hospice Kingston
Providence Care Community Support Service
Providence Manor
Providence Transitional Care Centre
**Sault Area Hospital**
**Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre**
Holland Orthopaedic & Arthritic Clinic
Sunnybrook Research Institute
**Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre**
Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute
**University Health Network (UHN)**
Toronto Western Hospital
Toronto General Hospital
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
West Park Healthcare Centre
**University of Windsor**
**Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health)**
Nanaimo Regional General Hospital
Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria
Victoria General Hospital, British Columbia

## REBS

Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board
University Health Network Research Ethics Board
Research Manitoba – The Committee for Harmonized Health Impact, Privacy, and Ethics Review (CHIPER)
Sunnybrook Research Ethics Board

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# REB Assessment: Pathways to Compliance & Quality

## An accessible model that recognizes Canada's high-quality REBs.

Three existing pathways were endorsed by a cross-Canada REB tactical team as **substantively consistent** in assessment of compliance and quality.

1. **CTO REB Qualification Program**
   *Qualified 20+ boards in Canada, supporting delegated reviews across 180+ institutions*

2. **CHEER REB Assessment Program**
   *Qualified 2 boards in Canada*

3. **Human Research Accreditation Canada**
   *Qualified 1 public and 1 private board in Canada*

### A COMMON APPROACH TO ASSESSMENT

- ✓ Require a rigorous**, formal external review** conducted by independent expert assessors
- ✓ **Assess all components of the REB**: regulatory and ethics framework, governance, membership, composition, SOPs, COIs, review process, decision-making, documentation, multi-site research, etc.
- ✓ Require **demonstrated compliance** with every applicable guideline, policy, regulation, and requirement within scope for Canadian REBs
- ✓ Require **regular re-assessment** process to ensuring ongoing compliance
- ✓ Are **based on the same underlying** policies, guidelines and regulations that govern Canadian REBs

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## CanReview is now established, with big thanks to:

- **Accelerating Clinical Trials Consortium** for prioritizing ethics reviews, creating the funding competition that supported CanReview, and championing the collaboration ever since – even today!

- **Hundreds of people across Canada** and internationally who contributed to Phase I policies and procedures



## So, what's next?

# Building a Stronger Governance Model




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# Key Expansion and Enhancements



## Cross-Canada Enablers

- Co-developed process for Alberta and Quebec
- Indigenous governance and self-determination
- Data portability
- Fully bilingual system
- Regional legislation compendium
- Issue-specific tactical teams and tables
- Pan-Canadian insurance



## Implementation Support

- Regional staff and supports
- Support for REBs to pursue assessment
- Communities of practice (REB, Trialist, Participating Sites)
- Central helpdesk and navigation support
- Annual meetings
- Canada-wide outreach



## Participants-First Mindset

- People with Lived Experience Council and engagement across governance
- Participant-First Ethical Research Supports
- Inclusive consent forms; PregTrial toolkit
- EDI embedded in governance

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# CIHR Call: A Catalyst for Growth

**CIHR: Pan-Canadian Single Research Ethics Review Initiative**

- Funding competition underway since June
- CanReview Collaboration applied
- Announcement expected late November

## Growing a Cross-Canada Team

- **61 diverse interest holders** from across 11 provinces and territories joined the grant team
- **22 Applicant Partners** committed to in-kind support
- **36 institutions** provided Letters of Support
- **127 CanReview Partner** organizations from across the clinical trials community gave public support

# Keep Trials Moving with CanReview

## This is Canada's clinical trials moment.

We have seen historic investment and advancements in clinical trials infrastructure. Now is the time to **#KeepTrialsMoving**

- Join CanReview as a participating site and/or REB
- Ready to pilot first studies across participating sites (your site must be a CanReview site to submit a study)
- Firmly committed to ongoing collaboration across Canada for the betterment of Canadian clinical trials




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