

BUSINESS RULE

Research Management



BACKGROUND

Research is a vital mechanism used by the College to disseminate knowledge to members and the broader community. With the aim of disseminating the College's work and business, it is also a way for the College to link with like minded organisations, build research capacity and the state of the science on issues involving children.

OUTCOME

The Board of the ACCYPN and the Secretariat will monitor research platforms removing or alerting review boards of any unethical research practices.

EVALUATION

Initial annual review of process to ensure system outlined in the procedure are being followed.

DATE INTRODUCED

October 2020

LAST REVIEW DATE

New Business Rule

NEXT REVIEW DATE

October 2025

ISSUED BY

Board of Directors of ACCYPN

MEETING DATE BUSINESS RULE ENDORSED

25th February 2021

1. Purpose of the Business Rule:
 - 1) Is to protect the College's ethical standing with research activities undertaken with children and to protect the College's public and professional image.
 - 2) To ensure that the College supports, advocates and monitors universal ethical practices in research activities undertaken with children by members and non-members for publication in the ACCYPN Journal, Webinars, Podcasts, ACCYPN Newsletter, Research Scholarship Applications and access to the ACCYPN membership list for potential and ongoing research projects.
2. Scope of the business rule:
 - 1) All members of the ACCYPN, regardless of membership type.
 - 2) Non-members that access or follow the College's research outputs.
3. Use of the College's research, scholarship or output platforms:
 - 1) The College will use the research, scholarship and output platforms to disseminate contemporary evidence-based knowledge to members and non-members that will build research capacity and the state of the science on issues relevant to the healthcare of children and young people.
 - 2) All members are encouraged to use the College's research platforms for the benefit of the College and other members, by accessing the journal, sharing outputs, attending webinars/conference and submitting items of interest to be disseminated and/or marketed by the College.
 - 3) All users of the College's research platforms must do so within legislation and law^{1,2,3}.
4. Research platform users' requirements:

Successful recipients of a College scholarship will be expected to disseminate the findings of that project within one of the College's research platforms.

 - 1) An application to use the College's membership list for research will require submission of an ethics approval and proposal for consideration by the College Board of Directors.
 - 2) Any costs associated with administering a project through the College's membership list will need to be covered by the applicant.
 - 3) All presentations or publications in the College's research platforms will honour the guidelines of the Australian National Health Medical Research Council and Governance Framework inclusive of good clinical research that respects the rights of children globally^{1,2,3}.
5. Monitoring:
 - 1) College members, non-members, board members, the Secretariat and members of the community can alert the College Board of Directors of any inappropriate research activity for review and action as required.
 - 2) A report of the different platforms will be reviewed at the BOD meeting.
6. References:
 - 1) Australian Paediatric Research Ethics & Governance Network. (2017). *Clinical trials the child participant and consent: A practical guide for investigators and sponsors*. Retrieved from <http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/ethics/Documents/APREG%20Guide%20to%20child%20consent%20in%20CT%20February%202017.pdf>
 - 2) Graham, A., Powell, M., Taylor, N., Anderson, D., & Fitzgerald, R. (2013). *Ethical research involving children*. Retrieved from Italy: <https://www.unicef-irc.org/research/ethical-research-and-children/>
 - 3) The Equator Network. (2020). Enhancing the quality and transparency of health research. Retrieved from <https://www.equator-network.org/>