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Subject: ETHICAL CLEARANCE OF RESEARCH PROJECTS THROUGH NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE (NBC), PAKISTAN.

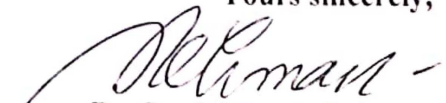
Reference to letter No.4-87/09/NBC-RDC/6317 dated 17th February 2010, issued by the then Director General Health, Government of Pakistan Ministry of Health and letter No.F.4-87/2012 Admin (H-1) dated 8th January 2013 issued by the then additional secretary, Government of Pakistan, Cabinet Division, Health section, and letter No.4-87/16/NBC/RDC/1850 dated 7th December 2016 issued by Executive Director (PHRC)/Member Secretary (NBC) on the above subject (copies enclosed).

After repeated letters from the NBC secretariat it has been noticed that many national level studies funded by international donors are conducted without ethical clearance from National Bioethics Committee. Therefore all National Programs, public and private sector hospitals, undergraduate and post graduate medical institutions, universities, bilateral and multilateral organizations, donor organizations and non-government organization (NGOs) are once again requested to comply with the instructions regarding following categories of research project, surveys, clinical trials that are to be submitted to the "National Bioethics Committee" Pakistan for ethical review and clearance prior to launch of the project.

- i. All research (medical or social science) projects, surveys, drug/device trial involving human subjects, whether individuals or communities, studies using fetal material, embryos and tissues from alive or recently dead humans planned to be conducted with collaborator from outside Pakistan, irrespective being funded or not by international donor.
- ii. All projects that cover whole of Pakistan or that are to be conducted in two or more Provinces/regions of Pakistan.
- iii. All drug trials need ethical clearance from NBC before processing for registration in DRAP.

Kindly note that Pakistan Health Research Council is the Secretariat to the National Bioethics Committee, therefore all projects for ethical review and clearance should be submitted to the Member Secretary, National Bioethics Committee (NBC) Pakistan Health Research Council (PHRC), Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad, as a hard copy along with a soft copy on email address: nbcPakistan.org@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Syed Atta-ur-Rehman

Member secretary (NBC)/ Executive Director (PHRC)

Additional Secretary

Ministry of NHR&C

List Attached:

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Pakistan Health Research Council, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Off Constitution Avenue, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad

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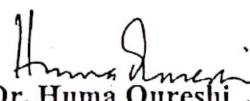
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All National Programmes, public and private sector hospitals, undergraduate and post graduate medical institutions, universities, bilateral and multilateral organizations, donor organizations and non-government organizations (NGOs) are once again requested to comply with the instructions regarding following categories of research projects that are to be submitted to the "National Bioethics Committee" Pakistan for ethical review and clearance prior to launch of the project.

- All projects that cover the whole of Pakistan or that are to be conducted in two or more Provinces/regions of Pakistan are called as "National level health research projects"
- All projects that have a collaborator from outside Pakistan, irrespective being funded or not by a donor from outside Pakistan.

Kindly note that Pakistan Health Research Council is the Secretariat to the National Bioethics Committee, therefore all projects for ethical review and clearance should be submitted to the Member Secretary, NBC, Pakistan Health Research Council, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad as a hard copy along with a soft copy on email address: nbcPakistan.org@gmail.com


Dr. Huma Qureshi
Executive Director (PHRC)/
Member Secretary (NBC)

Encl. (as above)

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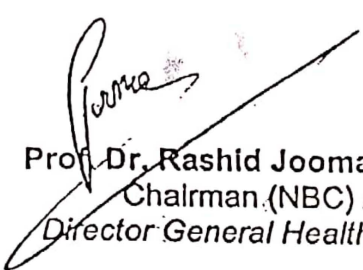
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National Bioethics Committee (NBC) is a gazette notified body of Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan and dealing with all aspects of bioethics in the health Sector in the country. The committee is responsible for giving ethical clearance to all research being conducted in Pakistan whether funded nationally or internationally.

It is felt mandatory by the government that in future all health research projects "involving international collaboration" should have clearance from NBC before convening the research.

All projects for ethical clearance must be submitted to Member / Secretary NBC, NBC Secretariat located at PMRC Head Office, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad with a copy to Director General Health, Ministry of Health, Pakistan Secretariat Block "C" Islamabad.

All concerned are hereby informed to follow the instructions strictly with immediate effect.


Prof. Dr. Rashid Jooma
Chairman (NBC) /
Director General Health

All concerned:- (List attached)

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No. F.4-87/2012.Admn (H-I)

Islamabad, the 8th January 2013

Subject: ETHICAL CLEARANCE OF RESEARCH PROJECTS THROUGH
NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE, PAKISTAN (NBC)

Reference is made to the letter No. 4-87/09/NBC-RDC/6317, dated 17th February 2012, issued by the then Director General Health, Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Health, on the above subject (copy enclosed).

2. All National Programmes, public and private sector hospitals, undergraduate and post graduate medical institutions, the Universities, bilateral and multilateral organizations, donor organizations and the non-government organizations (NGOs) are once again requested to comply with the instructions of the then Director General Health and ensure that all "National level health research projects and those funded by the International donors" are submitted to the National Bioethics Committee, Pakistan for ethical review and clearance prior to the launch of such projects.

Encls: As above


(SYED ARSHAD ALI)
Additional Secretary

All concerned