

# Summary of Upcoming Activities

What's happening in 2025!

- Launch of Research SharePoint Page for the entire Research Community!
- Monthly Research Bulletin published 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month (except January)
- Additional HRPP SOPs and Institutional Policies to be published.
  - See posted [HRPP SOPs](#) on the Research and Innovation [Intranet](#) page (until SharePoint launched)
- Continued Lunch and Learn sessions for HRPP SOP training
  - Every fourth Thursday of the month
  - Next session January 23 2025
- Research Education sessions
  - January 7 2025 Common audit findings
- If you are not receiving invites for HRPP Lunch and Learn sessions, Research Education sessions, or receiving the Research Bulletin, contact Tami Martell [Tami.Martell@nshealth.ca](mailto:Tami.Martell@nshealth.ca)

Please scan the QR code or click the link to fill out our post-session survey.

**You will also receive a certificate of attendance by filling out this form.**



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# Building the HRPP at NS Health

*What this means for you!*

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## Standard Operating Procedures

- [BIOB-SOP-002 Initiation of a New Specimen Collection V1](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-002\\_Administrative Management of Procedures and Policies in the Human Research Protection Program \(HRPP\)\\_V1](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-003\\_ResearchParticipantRecruitment\\_V1](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-004\\_Consent\\_Development\\_and\\_Obtaining\\_of\\_Consent\\_V1.docx](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-005\\_Qualification\\_and\\_Training\\_of\\_Individuals\\_who\\_Play\\_a\\_Role\\_in\\_the\\_HRPP\\_V1.docx](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-008\\_Addressing\\_Research\\_Participants\\_Inquiries\\_and\\_Concerns\\_V1.docx](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-009\\_Assessing and Reporting Safety and Deviations V1](#)
- [HRPP-SOP-012\\_Compliance\\_with\\_the\\_HRPP\\_V1.docx](#)

## HRPP Lunch and Learns:

Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month to learn more about SOPs!

Certificates available for your records.  
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## SOPs Coming Out in 2025:

- Institutional Review and Approvals
- Research Protocol Development
- Management of Participant Privacy in Research
- Record Retention of Research Files
- REB SOPs
- Data Management
- Research Monitoring
- Changes in Personnel and management of PI absences



Standard Operating Procedure  
HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM

Informed Consent Form Development and Obtaining Informed Consent from Participants in Research	
Applies to:	All individuals conducting research with human participants that is within the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Health Research Ethics Board
Location applicability:	All zones
DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL RESEARCH Operations for ACTN and ACCRU	

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# Research Operations

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## What We Do

- Providing operational support to Investigators and research teams.
- Site administration for the Centre for Clinical Research (CCR).
  - Support space requests, room bookings, team moves, and procurement.
  - Oversee research infrastructure, space allocation, and plans for future growth within research.
  - Support Industry-related requests.
  - Leads research operations projects and initiatives (e.g., NovaStudies Connect, Clinical Trial Dashboard, & OPOR PowerTrials).
  - Record retention and archiving (Iron Mountain).
  - Support researchers with clinicaltrials.gov account activation and study registration.

## Study Start-Up Specialists (Fee for service)

Wrap-around study start-up support for Investigators and research teams during the clinical study start-up phase.

- Manage cross-organization collaboration & communication.
- Assists with site feasibility assessment.
- Prepare and oversee the development of budgets and contractual documents
- Facilitates shared Services Agreements.
- Regulatory document preparation & REB ethics submission.



30 + Therapeutic Areas



150+ Investigators



600+ Research Staff



1400+  
Active Research  
Studies



330+ Active Clinical  
Trials



2900+ Recruited  
Participants

## Who We Are

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