

Summary of Upcoming Activities

What's happening in 2025!

- Launch of Research SharePoint Page for the entire Research Community!
- Monthly Research Bulletin published 1st 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

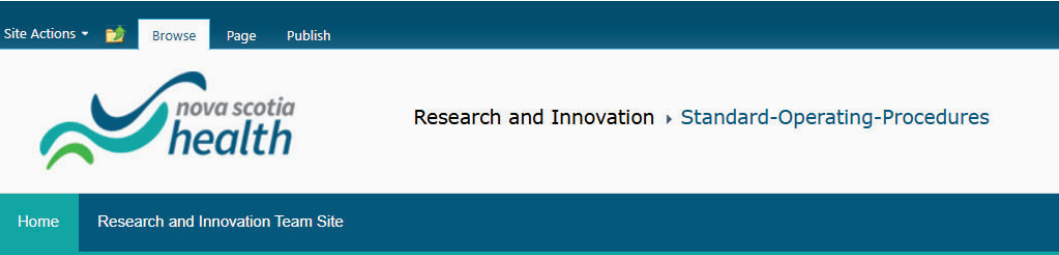
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Building the HRPP at NS Health

What this means for you!



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 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
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- 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 4th Thursday of every month to learn more about SOPs!



Certificates available for your records.

Standard Operating Procedure
HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM

Informed Consent Form Development and Obtaining Informed Consent from Participants in Research

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| 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

Contact us: ResearchOperations@nshealth.ca

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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