

- **Health Research Ethics Services  
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**Presentation of CHREC at 2017 Executive Advance**

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# Introduction

- Research ethics is a framework of moral principles guiding the conduct of research.
- Ethical review is an integral part of the research process.
- Research ethics is intended to foster research that protects the interests of the public, the subjects of research, and the researchers themselves.
- A requirement for handling human/animal samples and subjects, collaborations and publication of research findings.



# Why CHREC?

- The acronym CHREC – Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee.
- The primary aim of CHREC is to provide expert services to CU faculty, staff, students, and the external context.
- To provide expert review of research protocols relating to human and animal subjects including samples and clinical trials.
- To ensure best practices and conformity to stipulated standards required for carrying out research relating to human and animal subjects etc.



# History of CHREC

Training of Nominated Committee members between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 by the NHREC

Topics covered include:

- Proposal writing
- Informed consent
- Data integrity
- Plagiarism
- Conflict of interest in research and management of study subjects
- Policies and procedures for research ethics
- Intellectual property rights
- Effective management of REC



# Membership / Competence

23 members drawn from the four Colleges, various academic departments and programmes, CU Health centre and the Legal team.

Prof. S.N. Chinedu – Chairman

Dr. G. Olasehinde – Coordinator

Dr. T.O. George - Secretary



# Approval of CHREC



## National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC)

Promoting Highest Ethical and Scientific Standards for Health Research in Nigeria



Federal Ministry of Health

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016

Registration Number: NHREC/25/10/2016

## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that the Health Research Ethics Committee of Covenant University, herein referred to as the "Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee" has been duly registered with the National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria in line with the provisions of the National Code for Health Research Ethics, Nigeria.

As part of the terms of this registration, the Committee has been registered as a Category C2 Committee; *Authorized to review Phases III and IV clinical trials including those in vulnerable populations ONLY IF the studies have been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committees at the Clinical Sites where the studies are to be conducted. Also authorised to review social and behavioural research, trials on alternative and complementary medicines trials as well as epidemiological studies. NOT authorised to review Phase I and II clinical trials, trials of vaccines and biologicals, genetic research and studies of novel products with potential nation-wide religious, social and security implications and research including use of radioactive pharmaceuticals; these should be referred to NHREC.*

The registration is valid for 2 years from 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 after which the institution must apply for re-registration accordingly please. According to the National Code of Health Research Ethics, Nigeria, the life span of any HREC shall be two years, after which the institution shall apply for re-registration. The application for re-registration must be submitted within the last 6 months of the expiry of the current registration.

You are to quote the above registration number in all your correspondences and approvals of reviews undertaken by your HREC please.

Signed

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Chairman, National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC)



# Application process

- Applicants for research ethics review are to obtain an application form from the Secretary
- Submit three copies of completed application form along with the research proposal.  
Note - A detailed budget is to be submitted along with the research proposal.
- CV of Principal Investigator
- Affordable fees apply for different categories.
- Be assured of our prompt services



# Approved Charges/fees

<b>Research Category</b>	<b>Internal</b>	<b>External</b>
• Undergraduate projects	1,000	2,000
• PG (Masters) Research	2,000	5,000
• PhD Research	5,000	10,000
• Faculty/Staff Research without grant	5,000	10,000
• Research with grant (Individual)	30,000 or \$100 \$200	60,000 or
• Industry Research/Pharmaceutical Company	150,000 or \$500 (If below 10Million)	
• Industry Research/Pharmaceutical Company		
• 1% of total budget (If above 10Million Naira)		



# Contact Details

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Secretary CUHREC on Tel: 08025931037

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Currently working on a website to showcase CHREC activities and give access to interested persons to access our application forms and relevant resource materials on research ethics.

\*Appeal for Office at CUCRID Building equipped with materials and a Desk Officer



# Concluding Remarks

- Looking forward, CHREC aspires to be the best ethics approval centre in this environment in terms of our turn out time and quality of review.
- From time to time, CHREC will be organizing training and seminars for members and the University Community to keep abreast with up to date best practices on ethical issues in research.
- We like to thank the University Management for the supports given thus far and like 'Oliver Twist' ask for more.
- Finally, we implore Faculty and Staff to take advantage of the services of CHREC and help to market it. Please take the message to your friends and colleagues they don't need to go far for ethical approval for their research(s).

**Thank you  
for  
listening**

