

Student Observers at HREB Meetings

HREA is dedicated to advancing education and knowledge dissemination. It is also committed to playing a role in ensuring that the next generation of professionals affiliated with health research ethics has opportunities to gain relevant educational experience.

Students affiliated with health research ethics will be permitted to attend HREB meetings as agreed upon by the applicable institutional/organizational representative and the Ethics Director.

Observers (includes students) at HREB meetings are required to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Form. This form outlines the observer's obligation to protect the confidentiality of all written and electronic information provided for HREB review, including the storage and destruction of information. In addition, observers are obliged to keep confidential all information pertaining to personnel involved in the conduct of research, as well as the content of the deliberations and decisions of the HREB members, both during the meeting(s) and outside of the meeting(s).

Observers are also obliged to follow applicable HREB standard operating procedures with respect to conflict of interest and privacy/confidentiality.

The Ethics Director is responsible for ensuring that observers sign the Oath of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Form, prior to attending meeting. A copy will be provided to the student and applicable institutional/organizational representative.

Privacy breaches by students will be reported to the student's educational institution/organization.