

Breaking News

OHSN-REB

New Process for studies under the jurisdiction of both CHEO and OHSN Research Ethics Boards

**Effective Date:
December 18th, 2019**

To whom does this apply?

To all investigators and researchers whose studies fall under the jurisdiction of both CHEO and OHSN REB; an institutional agreement for streamlining the REB review process has now been finalized.

What does this mean?

- Studies falling under the jurisdiction of both CHEO and OHSN REB (i.e., due to Investigator affiliations and/or study activity at both sites) will no longer require two separate ethics applications.
- Instead, CHEO REB and OHSN REB will work collaboratively to review and approve the research studies via one ethics application. There will be a single Research Ethics Board of record assigned.
- **Note, the studies must be registered with the opposite REB (not acting as Board of record) and Institutional approval at each institution (OHRI or OHIRC and CHEO/CHEO RI) is still required prior to study start.**
- If in addition to CHEO and or TOH/UOHI, the research will be conducted at multiple sites in Ontario who are participating sites in Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO), the research study should be submitted through **CTO Stream**.

What is the process?

- 1) Study teams will complete a REDCap Survey: [TOH & CHEO REB Harmonization](#)
- 2) The Survey will be reviewed to determine the following, which will need to be submitted simultaneously:
 - the review system (ROMEIO at CHEO/CHEO RI or IRIS at TOH/OHRI) to be used for ethics review which will be used for the life of the study
 - and**
 - the system for study registration (TOH/OHRI Clinical Research Registration Form (CRRF) via IRIS or CHEO Administration application via ROMEIO)
- 3) The study team will receive research **ethics** review and decision making from a single REB (OHSN or CHEO) for the life of the study.
- 4) If CHEO REB is the Board of record, the study team will be required to continue with the registration process for the life of the study at TOH/OHRI.