

**INTERVENTIONAL CLINICAL TRIALS
OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE**

APPLYING

to

RECOGNISED ETHICS COMMITTEES

in the Republic of Ireland

for

ETHICAL REVIEW

of

**INTERVENTIONAL CLINICAL TRIALS
OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE**

Forward:

This document may be useful to pharmaceutical sponsor companies and academic researchers **applying to undertake an interventional clinical trial of a medicinal product only** who need to contact any of the recognised ethics committees (MRECs) in the Republic of Ireland. It is hoped that this document may also be useful to recognised committees themselves, as continued networking amongst the recognised committees is an invaluable source of information and support.

Contact Details: This document contains the full contact details for the administrative teams of each Irish MREC.

The Department of Health and Children website also lists all Irish MRECs along with the telephone numbers only of the committee administration teams:
http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/

Number of Documents: This document will help sponsors ascertain how many copies of the Department of Health and Children (DOHC) Application Form are required for submission to individual MRECs, and what other documents are required for submission.

Meeting Dates: Meeting Dates of a minority of Irish MRECs for 2010 are listed in this document.

Irish Medicines Board: Interventional Clinical Trials of Medicines must receive a favourable ethical opinion from one MREC. In addition, authorisation must be received from the Irish Medicines Board: www.imb.ie Both must be in place in order for the trial to proceed in the Republic of Ireland.

HSE Standard Form of Indemnity: There is a standard form of Indemnity called the 'HSE Standard Form of Indemnity' which is compulsory for use in many sites in the Republic, and is laid out to refer to the three parties: the hospital, the authority and the sponsor. This document will help sponsors identify what the correct name of the hospital is, and what the correct name of the appointing authority is, when completing the HSE Standard Form of Indemnity.

Clinical Trial Agreement: There is no standard Clinical Trial Agreement which is compulsory for use in the Republic of Ireland.

Site Specific Assessment Forms: A complex situation exists in the Republic of Ireland in relation to Site Specific Assessment Forms. Each site will have different mechanisms in place prior to signature of these forms, and also prior to signature of the HSE Standard Form of Indemnity, and of the trial-specific Clinical Trial Agreement or Investigator Agreement. This document does not attempt to explain requirements at individual sites, but will assist sponsors in identifying the correct department at individual sites which is responsible for arranging for review / signature of such forms.

Studies Other than Interventional Clinical Trials of Medicines for Human Use: This document does not attempt to discuss the situation in the Republic of Ireland in relation to other types of research. The details in this document refer to applications for ethical review of **interventional clinical trials of medicinal products only**.

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**CONTACT DETAILS FOR RECOGNISED ETHICS COMMITTEES
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

(These committees are recognised by the Department of Health and Children to give a single opinion for the State of Ireland in relation to clinical trials of medicinal products for human use.)

Code:	Committee:	Contact Name:	Address:	Tel:	Fax:	E-Mail / Website:	Application for Ethical Review of a Clinical Trial of a Medicinal Product for Human Use: - APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE:
VIN	Vincent's	Joan McDonnell	St. Vincent's Healthcare Group Ethics and Medical Research Cmtee, Education & Research Centre, Elm Park, Dublin 4	00 353 1 2774117		joan.mcdonnell@ucd.ie;	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/ Contact the Committee Administrator for a copy of this committee's Site Specific Assessment Form. There are two Site Specific Assessment Forms in use in this Committee: The Department of Health and Children SSA and the Vincent's SSA.
TAL	SJH/AMHCH	Ursula Ryan	SJH/AMNCH Research Ethics Cmte, Tallaght Hospital, Dublin 24	00 353 1 4142342	00 353 1 4142371.	ursula.ryan@AMNCH.IE	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
SLI	Sligo	Mette Jensen Kavanagh	Research Ethics Committee, Research & Education Foundation Sligo General Hospital, Level 6, Sligo General Hospital, The Mall, Sligo	00 353 71 91 71111 ext 4204		mette.jensen@hse.ie; http://www.ref-sligo.ie/ethics.htm	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/ This Committee requires one hard copy of all documents AND one e-mail copy of all documents
MAT	Mater	Sarah O'Neill	Research Ethics Committee, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and Mater Private Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7	00 353 1 8032971	00 353 1 8034006	soneill@mater.ie; ethics@mater.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
ICGP	ICGP	Pauline Tierney;	The Irish College of General Practitioners Research Ethics Cmtee 4/5 Lincoln Place Dublin 2	00 353 1 6763705	00 353 1 6765850	pauline.tierney@icgp.ie ;	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/

HSE SE	HSE South Eastern Area	Caroline Lamb (Co-Ordinator) Anne Cottrell (Administrator)	HSE South-Eastern Area Research Ethics Cmttee, Research Ethics Cmttee Office, Old School of Nursing Waterford Regional Hospital, Waterford	00 353 51 842391 / 842026	00 353 51 848890	Caroline.Lamb2@hse.ie Anne.Cottrell@hse.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
HSE NE	HSE North Eastern Area	Eimear Dowling	HSE North Eastern Area Research Ethics Committee Area Office, Dublin Road, Kells, Co. Meath	00 353 46 9280551	00 353 46 9249825	eimear.dowling@hse.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
MW Complex	Mid-Western Regional Hospital Complex Research Ethics Committee	Ms. Marina Rankin	Mid-Western Regional Hospital Complex Research Ethics Committee, Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Risk Management Dept; 3 rd Floor, Nurses Home, Dooradoyle, Limerick	061 482358.		marina.rankin@hse.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/ Please contact committee administrator for additional questions. Mid-Western Regional Hospital Complex Research Ethics Committee: The complex of Mid-Western Regional Hospitals includes: MW Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle MW Regional Hospital, Ennis MW Regional Maternity Hospital, Limerick MW Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, Croom MW Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, Nenagh
HOL	Holles Street	Angela Gargan	Ethics Research Cmttee, National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street , Dublin 2	00 353 1 637 3358		agargan@nmh.ie; ethicsresearch@nmh.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
GAL	Galway	Colette Collins	Galway Regional Hospitals Research Ethics Cmttee, Unit 4, Merlin Park Hospital, Galway.	00 353 91 775022	00 353 91 770515	Colette.Collins@hse.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/
CRU	Crumlin	Claire Rice / Marie Leonard	Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin , Dublin 12	00 353 1 4096307/ 4096243	00 353 1 4558873	ethics.committee@olhsc.ie; claire.rice@olhsc.ie; marie.leonard@olhsc.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/ If trial involves minors, please contact committee administrator.
COR	Cork	Leona Heaphy	Clinical Research Ethics Cmttee of the Cork Teaching Hospitals 1 st Floor, Lancaster Hall, 6 Little Hanover Street, Cork	00 353 21 4901901	00 353 21 4901919	crec@ucc.ie	Ring the administrator for the Cork Committee manual which includes the DOHC application as a part of it.
BEA	Beaumont	Gillian Vale	Beaumont Hospital Ethics (Medical Research) Cmttee Beaumont, D9	00 353 1 8092680		gillianvale@beaumont.ie; www.beaumontethics.ie	http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/

NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED BY EACH COMMITTEE:
(Contact the administrator of the relevant committee
for clarification in terms of documents required & volumes required)

COMMITTEE CODE:	Tal	Vin	Cor	HSE NE	Mat	Bea	Gal	Cru	ICGP	Hol	HSE SE	Sli	MW Complex
Committee will accept Application downloaded from: http://www.dohc.ie/other_health_issues/clinical_trials/	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Notes:			See Pg5					See Pg5				See Pg4	See Pg5
General Documents:													
Cover letter to committee	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Application Checklist	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Application Form	1	20	8	1	16	1	20	18	12	20	22	1	15
Invitation letter to Participants	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Participant Information Leaflet / Sheet and Informed Consent Form	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Letter to General Practitioner	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Participant Diary	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Questionnaire / Interview Schedule	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Poster	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	22	1	15
Flow Chart	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Data Safety Monitoring Committee details	1	20	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15

Expert Documents:	Tal	Vin	Cor	HSE NE	Mat	Bea	Gal	Cru	ICGP	Hol	HSE SE	Sli	MW Complex
Investigator's Brochure or Summary of Product Characteristics as applicable	1	2	1	1	16	5	1	18	12	20	2	1	15
Clinical Trial Protocol	1	2	8	1	16	5	1	18	12	20	2	1	15
Trial Summary	1	2	8	1	16	5	1	18	1	20	2	1	15
Other Documents:													
Site Specific Assessment Form (for each site)	1	2	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	3	1	15
Department of Health Site Specific Assessment Form in Use:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		See Pg4	See Pg5										
CV - Chief Investigator for Ireland	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
CV - Site Principal Investigator	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
CV - Site Co-Investigators	1	1	8	1	16	n/a	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Insurance Certificate	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Clinical Trial Agreement	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	n/a	15
Finance Agreement	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	n/a	15
Indemnity Agreement (HSE Form of Indemnity Applies)	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
Annex 1 Form i.e. IMB Application Form	1	1	8	1	16	1	1	18	12	20	1	1	15
IMB Letter of Authorisation	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Review Fee as per S.I. 190 of 2004	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Important Note: Tallaght Ethics Committee is currently in preparations to offer an on-line electronic application form to applicants to this committee. Transfer to on-line submission at this committee is at IT Design Stage at this point. For further details, please contact ursula.ryan@amnch.ie

DETAILS OF RECOGNITION OF RECOGNISED ETHICS COMMITTEES

MRECS were recognised for an initial period of three years.

This initial period has been extended for a further period of one year, which is renewable annually.

Committees approved in 2004 will be applying for renewal for a fourth 'one year' term in 2010.

Committees approved in 2005 will be applying for renewal for a third 'one year' term in 2009.

Committees approved in 2006 will be applying for their second 'one year' renewal period in 2009.

Code:	Recognition Date:	Recognition End Date:	First Recognition Extension to:	Second Recognition Extension to:	Third Recognition Extension to:	Fourth Recognition Extension to:	Area for which the Committee may Act:	Description or Class of Clinical Trials for which the Committee May Act
TAL	July 2004	July 2007	July '08	July '09	July '10		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
VIN	Sept 2004	Sept 2007	Sept '08	Sept '09	Sept '10		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
COR	Sept 2004	Sept 2007	Sept '08	Sept '09	Sept '10		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
HSE NE	Jan 2005	Jan 2008	Jan '09	Jan 2010	Jan '11		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
MAT	Feb 2005	Feb 2008	Feb '09	Feb 2010	Feb '11		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
BEA	Mar 2005	Mar 2008	Mar '09	Mar 2010	Mar '11		The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
GAL	April 2005	April 2008	Apr '09	Apr' 2010			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
ICGP	May 2005	May 2008	May '09	May 2010			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
CRU	May 2005	May 2008	May '09	May 2010			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
HOL	July 2005	July 2008	July '09	July 2010			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
HSE SE	Aug 2005	Aug 2008	Aug '09	Aug 2010			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes
SLI	Sept 2005	Sept 2008	Sept '09	Sept 2010			The whole state	The Committee shall act in relation to clinical trials of all descriptions and classes other than those to which Regulation 13 (4) refers (i.e. gene therapy, somatic cell therapy etc.).
MW Complex	Mar 2006	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar '11			The whole state	Clinical Trials of all descriptions and classes

MEETING DATES:

(These are the next meeting dates for those committees currently using the Department of Health & Children Application Form)

As the meeting dates below are relevant to committees which use the same application form, it should be possible for sponsors to fill in the application form, and then to decide which committee to submit this application form, based on suitability of dates etc. The primary difference between committees is the number of copies of individual documents required. Contact the relevant committee administrator for accurate details.

Secondly, as the meeting dates below are relevant to committees which use the same application form, this means that there can be some co-operation between committees. Should a committee find that a planned meeting cannot go ahead due to lack of quorum etc., and it is helpful to that committee (subject to discussion with the sponsor) the application pack can potentially be diverted to another committee.

CODE:	MEETING DATE:	SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
VIN	13 th Jan 2010	3 rd Feb 2010
MW	13 th Jan 2010	
SLI	27 th Jan 2010	6 th Jan 2010
BEA	29 th Jan 2010	7 th Jan 2010
MW	10 th Feb 2010	
HSE NE	18 th Feb 2010	25 th Jan 2010
ICGP	24 th Feb 2010	3 rd Feb 2010
BEA	26 th Feb 2010	4 th Feb 2010
VIN	3 rd Mar 2010	10 th Feb 2010
SLI	24 th Mar 2010	3 rd Mar 2010
MW	24 th Mar 2010	
BEA	26 th Mar 2010	4 th Mar 2010
VIN	7 th Apr 2010	18 th Mar 2010
MW	21 st Apr 2010	
MW	21 st Apr 2010	31 st Mar 2010
HSE NE	22 nd Apr 2010	29 th Mar 2010
BEA	30 th Apr 2010	3 rd Apr 2010
VIN	5 th May 2010	14 th Apr 2010
MW	19 th May 2010	
SLI	19 th May 2010	28 th Apr 2010
BEA	28 th May 2010	6 th May 2010
VIN	2 nd June 2010	12 th May 2010

CODE:	MEETING DATE:	SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
MW	23 rd June 2010	
HSE NE	24 th June 2010	31 st May 2010
MW	23 rd June 2010	
ICGP	23 rd June 2010	2 nd June 2010
BEA	25 th June 2010	3 rd June 2010
VIN	7 th July 2010	16 th June 2010
SLI	21 st July 2010	8 th July 2010
HSE NE	26 th Aug 2010	3 rd Aug 2010
BEA	27 th Aug 2010	5 th Aug 2010
VIN	1 st Sept 2010	12 th Aug 2010
ICGP	22 nd Sept 2010	1 st Sept 2010
SLI	22 nd Sept 2010	1 st Sept 2010
BEA	24 th Sept 2010	2 nd Sept 2010
VIN	6 th Oct 2010	15 th Sept 2010
HSE NE	21 st Oct 2010	27 th Sept 2010
VIN	3 rd Nov 2010	13 th Oct 2010
BEA	5 th Nov 2010	14 th Oct 2010
SLI	17 th Nov 2010	27 th Oct 2010
ICGP	24 th Nov 2010	3 rd Nov 2010
VIN	1 st Dec 2010	10 th Nov 2010
BEA	3 rd Dec 2010	11 th Nov 2010
HSE NE	16 th Dec 2010	22 nd Nov 2010
VIN	5 th Jan 2011	9 th Dec 2010

*For the next meeting date at Galway Ethics Committee & Holles Street Ethics Committee, please contact relevant Administrator – Dates Set on an ‘As Required’ Basis

*For the meeting dates for 2010 for Cork Research Ethics Committee, please contact the relevant administrator for the Cork Committee Manual which contains the meeting dates for this committee.

*For the meeting dates for 2010 for any remaining committees, please contact the relevant administrator.

*Of note, these meeting dates are set at the start of each year, and can be subject to change. Please confirm the meeting is going ahead with the relevant administrator

Names of Committee Chairpersons:

Code:	Chairperson
BEA	Prof. Gerry McElvaney
COR	Dr. Michael Hyland
CRU	Prof. Andrew Green
GAL	Dr. Shaun O'Keefe
HOL	Dr John Murphy
HSE NE	Dr Brendan MacMahon
HSE SE	Dr. Paula Lane
ICGP	Prof. Colin Bradley
MW Complex	Ms. Marie Hickey Dwyer
MAT	Mr. Kell
SLI	Dr. John Williams
TAL	Dr. Ray McDermott
VIN	Dr. Brian Kirby

Up to Date Membership Lists for each MREC are available from committee administration teams.

Please note that 'up to date' Membership Lists for all MRECs are also held on file by the Department of Health and Children.

Names of ‘Authorities’

The HSE Form of Indemnity has been compulsory for use in many sites since July 1st 2007. (See www.stateclaims.ie for details) This form is laid out to refer to the ‘sponsor’, the ‘hospital’ and the ‘authority.’ This section may be of help to sponsors filling in the form asking the question who is the ‘Authority’ for the sites listed below.

The reader’s help would be appreciated in adding to this list, which is far from comprehensive.

Please forward any information which would help in adding to this list to gillianvale@beaumont.ie

(Reference: Status Quo Document – Update Request)

“the Hospital”	“the Authority”
Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin, incorporating the National Children’s Hospital	Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin, incorporating the National Children’s Hospital
Beaumont Hospital	Beaumont Hospital Board
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital
Cheeverstown House	Cheeverstown House Ltd
Coombe Women’s and Infant’s University Hospital	The Board of Guardians and Directors of the Coombe Lying-In Hospital
Cork University Hospital	Health Service Executive
Galway University Hospital	Health Service Executive
James Connolly Memorial Hospital	Health Service Executive
Letterkenny General Hospital	Health Service Executive
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
Mater Private Hospital	Mater Private Healthcare
Mayo General Hospital	Health Service Executive
Mercy University Hospital	Mercy University Hospital
Naas General Hospital	Health Service Executive
National Rehabilitation Hospital	National Rehabilitation Hospital
Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin	Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin
Portinciula Hospital	Health Service Executive
Sligo General Hospital	Health Service Executive
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital
St. James’s Hospital	St. James’s Hospital Board
St. Luke’s Hospital	St. Luke’s Hospital Board
St. Michael’s Dun Laoghaire	St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group Ltd
St. Patrick’s Hospital incorporating St. Edmundsbury	St. Patrick’s Hospital incorporating St. Edmundsbury

“the Hospital”	“the Authority”
St. Vincent’s Hospital, Fairview	St. Vincent’s Hospital
St. Vincent’s Private Hospital	St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group Ltd
St. Vincent’s University Hospital	St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group Ltd
Stewarts Hospital	Stewarts Hospital Services Ltd
The National Maternity Hospital	The National Maternity Hospital
The Rotunda Hospital	The Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Relief of Poor Lying-In Women, Dublin (commonly called the Rotunda Hospital)
Waterford Regional Hospital	Health Service Executive
Wexford General Hospital	Health Service Executive
St. Luke’s General Hospital, Kilkenny	Health Service Executive
South Tipperary General Hospital	Health Service Executive

Contact Details –Clinical Trial Sites

Pharmaceutical sponsors can have difficulty assessing which department has delegated responsibility in a hospital or HSE area to arrange for signature on the following contracts by the Hospital CEO / Hospital General Manager or the HSE Network Manager.

- 1) HSE Form of Indemnity
- 2) Clinical Trial Agreement
- 3) Site Specific Assessment Form

To follow is a list of public and / or voluntary hospitals, and where known, the name of the department with delegated responsibility. Contact phone numbers are included for the hospitals but not the departments themselves.

The reader’s help would be appreciated in adding to this list, which is far from comprehensive. Please forward any information which would help in adding to this list to gillianvale@beaumont.ie
(Reference: Status Quo Document – Update Request)

Hospital:	Main Switch:	Contact Department: (if known)
Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Dublin, incorporating the National Children’s Hospital	01 414 2000	Head of Pharmacy/Portfolio Director of Research
Bantry General Hospital	027 50133	Risk Manager
Beaumont Hospital	01 8093000	CEO’s office
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	01-8140400	General Services Manager
Cavan General Hospital	049 4376000	Risk Information Officer
Children’s University Hospital, Temple Street	01 878 4344	Risk Manager
Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown		Secretary to Research Ethics Committee
Coombe Women’s Hospital	01 4085284	Risk Manager
Cork University Hospital	021 4546400	Risk Manager
Cork University Maternity Hospital	021 492 0500	Risk Manager
Kerry General Hospital	066 7184000	Nursing Quality Assurance/Clinical Risk Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital	074 9125888	Clinical Risk Manager
Lourdes Hospital, Kilcreene	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (page 5)

Louth County Hospital, Dundalk	042 9334702/3/4/5	Risk Manager
Mallow General Hospital	022 21251	Risk Manager
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Direct Line (page 4)	Mater REC (page 4)
Mayo General Hospital	094 9021733	Clinical Risk Manager
Mercy University Hospital, Cork	021 4271971	Risk Manager
Merlin Park Regional Hospital	091 757631	Finance Manager (Indemnity/Clinical Trial Agreement)
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	057 8621364	Risk Manager
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	057 9321501	General Manager, Acute Hospital Services
Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar	044 9340221	Risk Manager
Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle	061 301111	A/General Manager
Monaghan General Hospital	047 38800	Risk Information Officer
Naas General Hospital	045 897 221	Risk Manager
National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street	01 6373100	Risk Manager
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	041 9874693	Group General Manager
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin	Direct Line (page 5)	Crumlin REC (see page 5)
Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (see page 5)
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	046 9078500	The Hospital Administrator
Portinciula Hospital	090 9648200	General Manager
Roscommon County Hospital	090 6626200	Risk Manager
Rotunda Hospital	01 8730700	Master
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital	01 6644600	Risk Manager
Sligo General Hospital	Direct Line (page 4)	Sligo REC (page 4)
South Infirmary Victoria Hospital, Cork	021 4926100	Risk Manager
South Tipperary General Hospital	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (see page 5)
St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown	01 282 5800	Hospital Manager
St. James's Hospital	01 4103100	Legal/Insurance Manager – Risk & Legal Office
St. John's Hospital, Limerick	061 462222	Deputy Chief Executive/ Secretary to the Ethics Committee

Hospital:	Main Switch:	Contact Department: (if known)
St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (page 5)
St. Luke's Hospital	01 406 5314	Administration
St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital Cork	021 4303264	Risk Manager
St. Michael's, Dun Laoghaire	Direct Line (page 4)	Vincent's REC (page 4)
St. Vincent's, Elm Park	Direct Line (page 4)	Vincent's REC (page 4)
University College Hospital Galway	091 544544	Finance Manager (Indemnity/Clinical Trial agreement)
Waterford Regional Hospital	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (page 5)
Wexford General Hospital	Direct Line (page 5)	HSE SE REC (page 5)

ACTIVE COMMITTEES:

There are 13 MRECs recognised to give a single ethical opinion in relation to **interventional clinical trials of medicinal products only** in the Republic of Ireland. Based on activity levels in 2009, there are effectively three MRECs which can be classed as actively reviewing clinical trials of medicines in volumes of more than ten clinical trials of medicines per annum.

These MRECs are:

1. TAL	SJH/AMHCH	Ursula Ryan SJH/AMNCH Research Ethics Cmte, Tallaght Hospital, Dublin 24 00 353 1 4142342 ursula.ryan@amnch.ie	Location: Dublin Contact Committee Administrator for Meeting Dates	This MREC was the first MREC to receive recognition and was recognised in 2004. This MREC reviewed the majority of interventional clinical trials in the Republic of Ireland in 2008, including oncology trials.
2. VIN	Vincent's	Joan McDonnell / Anna Brennan St. Vincent's Healthcare Group Ethics and Medical Research Cmtee, Education & Research Centre, Elm Park, Dublin 4 00 353 1 2774117 joan.mcdonnell@ucd.ie; anna.brennan@ucd.ie	Location: Dublin Meeting Dates on pages 9 - 11	This MREC was the second MREC to receive recognition and was recognised in 2004.
3. COR	Cork	Anne Foley / Leona Heaphy Clinical Research Ethics Cmtee of the Cork Teaching Hospitals 1 st Floor, Lancaster Hall, 6 Little Hanover Street, Cork 00 353 21 4901901 crec@ucc.ie	Location: Cork Contact Administrator for Cork Committee Manual which includes meeting dates	This MREC was the third MREC to receive recognition and was recognised in 2004.

Please note that these are also the first three committees which received recognition from the Department of Health and Children. All three committees were recognised in 2004.

In addition, an important committee to note is Our Lady's Children's Hospital Research Ethics Committee:

4. CRU	Crumlin	Ms. Claire Rice / Ms. Marie Leonard, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin , Dublin 12 00 353 1 4096307/ 4096243 ethics.committee@olhsc.ie;	Location: Dublin Contact Committee Administrator for Meeting Dates	This MREC reviewed the majority of interventional clinical trials involving minors in the Republic of Ireland in 2008, including oncology trials involving minors.
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AFTERWARD:

This document did not attempt to discuss the situation in Ireland in relation to other types of research. The details in this document refer to applications for **ethical review of interventional clinical trials of medicinal products only**.