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Nicola Barsdorf, MHS, PhD, Head of Health Research Ethics in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences' Research Development and Support Division. Her role includes providing leadership to the Health Research Ethics unit; facilitating compliance of health research ethics standards, processes and policies at Stellenbosch University with national and international ethical guidelines and regulations; managing the systems, administration and operations for the institution's two Health Research Ethics Committees; providing a health research ethics consultation service for Stellenbosch University researchers; providing health research ethics capacity development and training; and contributing to academic outputs in the field of health research ethics. Dr Barsdorf is a former Fogarty Bioethics scholar and received her Ph.D. in International Health and Global Justice from the Centre for International Health, University of Bergen, and an M.H.S. in International Health and Research Ethics from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA. More recently, Dr Barsdorf was a bioethics fellow in the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA. She was formerly the project coordinator for the Ethics, Law and Human Rights (ELH) Working Group of the WHO/UNAIDS African AIDS Vaccine Programme (AAVP). She has developed course modules and lectured research ethics for Stellenbosch University, the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the National Institutes of Health and the South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI). She continues to consult to the HIV AIDS Vaccines Ethics Group (HAVEG), South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative (SAAVI) and to lecture for SARETI. Dr Barsdorf is currently a voting member on Stellenbosch University's Senate Research Ethics Committee, on both of

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