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## Research Information Management System

## INFONETICA



## Training Manual

Compliance/Ethics – New Application

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## 1. Login

The URL for the Infonetica site is <a href="https://applyethics.sun.ac.za/">https://applyethics.sun.ac.za/</a>

You will be required to login using your <u>username@sun.ac.za</u> and network password. Follow the instructions that are applicable to you.

- Access Ethics RM (Infonetica) using your SU username and password. Upon opening <u>https://applyethics.sun.ac.za</u> you will be presented with a login screen. It is here where you enter your SU Username (either username e.g. <u>pmarais@sun.ac.za</u> or student number <u>12345678@sun.ac.za</u> and network password. If you are an external supervisor, please request a SUNId registration from the Stellenbosch University Division or Department to which you are affiliated. For guidance on SUNId registration, click here: <u>http://www0.sun.ac.za/itservices/useradm/sunid.htm</u> Applying for a SUNID supplies you with an SU number. It does not result in an alphabetical username. For this you apply via your affiliated Division or Department. See : <u>http://www0.sun.ac.za/itservices/useradm/usernames.htm</u>
- Login to Infonetica©: type in your Stellenbsosch University username followed by @sun.ac.za (e.g., username@sun.ac.za) and password. For username guidance, click here: http://www0.sun.ac.za/itservices/useradm/usernames.htm
- For password guidance, click here: <u>http://www0.sun.ac.za/itservices/useradm/passwords.htm</u>
- Clear your browser history: After multiple logins into the system, you may receive an error message/or similar as displayed below and unable to login to Infonetica again. For guidance on how to clear your browser history, click here:

http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/healthsiences/rdsd/Documents/Ethics/Clear%20bbrowse r.pdf

• If you still experience login issues, contact Ms Jennifer de Beer (jad@sun.ac.za) or Ms Elvira Rohland (elr@sun.ac.za) for further assistance. Please send a screenshot or cellphone photo of any error message you are receiving. Remember to include your username and SU number in your e-mail.



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## 2. Create your project

Once logged in, you will see the Infonetica landing page. To create your ethics project online follow the instructions below:



## \*\* NB: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SELECT THE CORRECT HREC APPLICATION FORM

## 3. Complete the questions online

The system has now created a record for you with a system generated number. The next step is to complete the electronic application form. Start by clicking on filter questions.

| <u>31 May</u> HREC                                                                                  | Test<br>New Application Form |                      |                                    |                 |                          |                              |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Action Required                                                                                     |                              | Status               | Review                             | Reference       |                          | Date Modified                |          |
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| Navigation                                                                                          | Documents                    | Signatures           | Collaborators                      | Submissions     | Centre                   | History                      |          |
| Section<br>Filter                                                                                   |                              | Question<br>Filter Q | ns<br>uestions                     |                 |                          |                              |          |
| General Project De                                                                                  | ecisions                     | Project              | Title Project Location             | Project Funding | Project Sponsor          |                              |          |
| Contacts                                                                                            |                              | Applicat             | nt/Principal<br>ator               | Supervisor(s)   | Stellenbosch<br>Contacts | Non Stellenbosch<br>Contacts | Students |
| Related Stellenbos                                                                                  | ch Ethics Applications       | Stellent             | osch University Ethics             | Applications    |                          |                              |          |
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You can now complete all the relevant questions in the e-form. Use the NEXT OR PREVIOUS BUTTONS on the left panel to navigate the online form.





*Tip: If you wish to go back to the beginning of your form then click on the Navigate button to direct you to the sections page.* 

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Always update the form when the system prompts you to do so as a new version of the form has been created. When this happens, a message will appear on top for you to click on the "Update" link.



## 4. Share your application with your supervisor

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|                 | Share                                                                               |          |             | Tick the boxes                                             | ×                   |          |
|                 | Sharing a form enables others to view/ed<br>access you give them. Please select the |          |             | to allow your<br>supervisor to<br>read and<br>make changes | e level of<br>with: |          |
|                 | Collaborator email                                                                  |          |             |                                                            |                     |          |
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A notice will appear that your form has been shared successfully.

Your supervisor will now be able to login, read and share comments with you while you are working on your form.



Tip: If you are working on your e-form and you want to stop and continue at a later stage, you must SAVE the e-form information and click on SAVE button icon on the left panel. When you are ready to work on the e-form again, login and click on Filter questions again.

#### Populate your supervisor's details in the form:

|                                         | Enter your<br>supervisor's surname<br>or email and select                    | <u> </u>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| First Name                              | Surname                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| A                                       | Fortuin                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                         |                                                                              | Your supervisor's details<br>will automatically                                                                                                                                                |
| Research Developr                       | nent and Support (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)                   | populate in the field                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Vice-Dean: Resear                       | ch and Internationalisation (FMHS)                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 19247850                                |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| ashleen29@                              | gmail.com                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                         | A<br>First Name<br>A<br>Research Developm<br>Vice-Dean: Research<br>19247850 | c.za)  your supervisors email address  First Name  A  Fortuin  Research Development and Support (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)  Vice-Dean: Research and Internationalisation (FMHS) |

#### Uploading a document and viewing a URL Link:

| Do you anticipate exporting samples/data to other site(s), locally or international         | lly?                                        |
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| Please provide a justification for this:                                                    |                                             |
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| For studies that intend to send/receive data or samples to/from another location,           | , attach a completed Data/Material Transfer |
| Agreement (DTA/MTA) <u>Term Sheet</u><br>Please see HREC Forms and Instructions             |                                             |
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## 5. Sign your application

Complete the declaration/signatures on the application form.

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| Declarations/Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul> <li>National Health Act</li> <li>Ethics in Health Research Principles, Processes and Structures.Second Edition. Department of Health 2015</li> <li>South African Good Clinical Practice Guidelines</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                     |
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## 6. Request Supervisor Signature (STUDENTS ONLY)

If you are a student conducting the study for degree purposes, you must request your supervisor's signature for his/her approval on the signature declaration page. You can request the signature of ONE supervisor ONLY, so if you have more than one supervisor, please contact your supervisors to confirm who will take responsibility for signing your ethics application – preferably the SU supervisor (if you have an external supervisor as well)



Enter the email address of the supervisor:

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#### Please note:

Once you request your supervisor's signature, your application is now with your supervisor for sign off before it will be submitted to the HREC Office.

If your application has not been submitted to the HREC office yet, kindly follow up with your supervisor to ensure the supervisor has signed your application.

As soon as the supervisor signs the form, you will receive a notification on Infonetica that the form was submitted.

| Project Short Title | Clubfoot management with the Ponseti<br>regime at a private Johannesburg setting<br>with a specific focus on possible predictors<br>of relapse |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                | 16/06/2021 3:00 PM                                                                                                                             |
| Your form has b     | been signed by Mrs :                                                                                                                           |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                |

Once your application has been submitted; you will receive a notification on Infonetica:



#### Keep track of your application by checking the project status:

| HREC New Application Form | 2               |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Action Required           | Status          | Review Reference | Date Modified    |
| Yes                       | Request Changes |                  | 03/05/2021 12:55 |

If your form requires administrative changes, the status will indicate 'request changes'. If the Action Required is "NO", no further action is required. After your form is submitted, kindly check your email for any HREC correspondence.

Please ensure that you make all corrections and respond to each of the comments in your letter within 2 working days of the current submission deadline. This will ensure that your submission will be incorporated in the upcoming HREC review cycle.

## 7. Response to Modifications/Deferral/Stipulations

Login and click on your project list.

- Locate your specific project and click on the project title
- Upload the letter of response and amended documents to your existing **HREC New** Application Form
- If any changes have been requested to the e-application form, please make these changes in the relevant sections in the e-form and indicate in the Response to Modifications/Stipulations cover letter where the changes have been made.
- Under the HREC New Application Form, click on the Additional Documents tab, scroll to the last upload button "Other Documents" to upload your revised documents.

Show Inactive Sections

Other Documents (Please name these documents appropriately)

### **HREC New Application Form**



Go to the last upload button to upload the response to modifications or response to stipulations Remember to sign the form and request your supervisor's signature (If applicable)

#### **Documents - Default**

| Please attach your Default here: |              |         |        |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
| Document Name                    | Version Date | Version |        |
| Browse                           |              |         | Upload |

## PS: Remember to sign as the applicant and request your supervisor's signature to submit the response to modifications/stipulations.

# 8. Create a Sub form (i.e., Progress/Final Report, Amendment, HREC Documentation)

| Notifications          | Signatures | Transfers        | Shared          | -                |                                 |
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| Projects               |            |                  |                 |                  |                                 |
| Search Projects        |            |                  |                 |                  |                                 |
| Project Title          |            | 🕴 Project ID 👻   | Owner \$        | Date Created     | Date Modified 🕴 Transfer Stati  |
| 21 June TEST           |            | 22849            | Miss EL Rohland | 21/06/2021 16:21 | 21/06/2021 16:22                |
| TEST RECIP 20210618    |            | 22831            | Miss EL Rohland | 18/06/2021 13:40 | 18/06/2021 15:39                |
| 10 June2021            |            | 22745            | Miss EL Rohland | 10/06/2021 12:45 | 14/06/2021 16:00                |
| test 1234567           |            | 22724            | Miss EL Rohland | 08/06/2021 15:01 | 08/06/2021 15:01                |
| Test 01 June 2021_RECI | P          | 22639            | Miss EL Rohland | 01/06/2021 15:58 | 21/06/2021 16:27                |
| 31 May Test            |            | 22591            | Miss EL Rohland | 31/05/2021 14:41 | 31/05/2021 14:41                |
| 27 May 2021 Test       |            | 22543            | Miss EL Rohland | 27/05/2021 17:20 | 31/05/2021 14:39                |
| 20210525 TEST          |            | 22519            | Miss EL Rohland | 25/05/2021 15:49 | 14/06/2021 15:58                |
| Elvira Test            |            | 22348            | Miss EL Rohland | 12/05/2021 20:34 | 22/06/2021 12:27                |
| Test RECIP             |            | 22270            | Miss EL Rohland | 06/05/2021 14:36 | 06/05/2021 14 <mark>:</mark> 36 |
| Test 16 March 2021     |            | 21861            | Miss EL Rohland | 16/03/2021 13:55 | 16/03/2021 14:00                |
| TEST 22 Feb            |            | 21717            | Miss EL Rohland | 22/02/2021 15:19 | 12/03/2021 08:02                |
| Alert Testing 28 Jan   |            | 215/2            | Miss EL Rohland | 28/01/2021 15:05 | 28/01/2021 15:06                |
| Test (5)               |            |                  | bland           | 24/04/2020 09:47 | 24/04/2020 09:47                |
| TEST 28 Jun 2019 (ER)  |            |                  |                 | 28/06/2019 14:30 | 28/06/2019 14:35                |
| ER Test 29 May 2019    |            |                  |                 | 29/05/2019 09:59 | 29/05/2019 10:06                |
|                        | Click      | on the projec    | t title         |                  |                                 |
|                        |            | open the project |                 |                  |                                 |
|                        |            | open the pro     | jeet            |                  |                                 |

#### **CREATE A HREC PROTOCOL AMENDMENT FORM**



<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: All Health forms are prefixed with HREC, so kindly ensure that you select the correct form before completing.



Show Inactive Sections

#### Complete all the Sections as shown below.

### **HREC Protocol Amendment Form**

| Section                                                   | Questions |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| APPLICATION FOR A MINOR/MAJOR STUDY AMENDMENT: GUIDELINES | Page 1    |
| SECTION 1: Minor or Major Amendment                       | Page 1    |
| SECTION 2: Details of Principal Investigator              | Page 1    |
| SECTION 3: Project Details                                | Page 1    |
| SECTION 4: How is this research funded?                   | Page 2    |
| SECTION 5: Type of Amendment                              | Page 2    |
| SECTION 6: Summary of changes                             | Page 3    |
| SECTION 7: Additional document uploads                    | Page 3    |
| SECTION 8: Declaration                                    | Page 3    |
|                                                           |           |

When making changes to the protocol, please ensure you submit the revised protocol with a new version number and date, highlighting text with TRACKED CHANGES



Once all the questions are completed and documents uploaded, please remember to sign your form, and request your supervisor's signature (if applicable)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |
| Sign                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |
| Applicant/Principal Investigator's Signature                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |
| Please note that if you are a study coordinator completing this application on behalf of the Applicant/Principal<br>nestigator, then please click on the <b>REQUEST</b> button to request the PI's signature to approve this application. |   |
| However if you are the Applicant/Principal Investigator completing this application then you need to click on the SIGNbutton.                                                                                                             |   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |
| Request Signature Sign                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |

#### **CREATE A HREC PROGRESS REPORT**

Click on the project title to open the project.





#### Complete all the Sections as shown below.

## **HREC Annual Progress Report**

#### Section

SECTION A: REPORT AND STUDY TYPE SECTION B: INVESTIGATOR DETAILS SECTION C: RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS SECTION D: PROJECT FUNDING SECTION F:SUMMARY OF PROGRESS SECTION G: SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS SECTION H:PROTOCOL NON-COMPLIANCE SECTION I: ATTACHMENTS SECTION J: DECLARATION



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#### Please remember to sign your form

## **HREC Annual Progress Report -**

#### DECLARATION

NOTE: ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED/CLICKED ON THE SIGN BUTTON, THE FORM WILL LOCK. HOWEVER, YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO "CLICK NEXT" FOR THE FINAL SIGNATURE. ONLY AFTER THE FINAL SIGNATURE YOUR APPLICATION FORM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HREC.

Sign

## 9. Definitions of ACTIONS in Panel



Previous: This button will take you to the previous page in your application.

Next: This button will take you to the next page in your application

**Navigate:** This button will always take you to the beginning of your project where you will be able to view all sections/pages.

**Print:** This button allows you to print your application or save it in a PDF version.

**Documents:** This button will display all the documents saved in your application which you have uploaded.

Signatures: View signatures and request for signatures

**Save:** This button can be used before moving to the next page after completing a section or page or if you can't complete your form and want to come back to continue at a later stage, then save before you log out.

**Share:** This button allows you to share your project with your supervisor. Allow him/her read and write access.

**Collaborators:** This button will allow you to view the collaborators.

**Completeness Check:** This button will run a check on your application to see whether it's complete or whether any mandatory questions are incomplete.

**Submit:** This button is used once you have completed your application and your supervisor is happy to approve it.

## 10. Withdrawal of projects

Applicants must provide written communication requesting withdrawal of a project. Upon receipt of this request, the applicant will receive an email confirming the withdrawal of the project. A formal letter can be requested.

## 11. HREC Consults – Post HREC Submission

Consultation involves meeting either in-person or via telephone or MS Teams with Staff of the Health Research Ethics Office and or the Health Research Ethics Committee Chairperson or members depending on the nature of the request. *N.B. In line with the current SU work-from-home guidelines, consultations are offered via MS Teams or telephonically only at this time.* 

To clarify specific concerns or recommendations by HREC as per the HREC letter, the Principal Investigator can apply for a HREC consult by clicking on the link below. This will allow for clarification and will obviate further delays in granting ethics approval.

http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/healthsciences/rdsd/Documents/Ethics/20210621 HREC%20C onsultation%20Request%20Form fillable%20pdf.pdf

### 12. Definitions of statuses

**Scheduled for Meeting Review:** To be used by ethics admin staff only. The application needs to be reviewed by the full ethics committee and cannot be reviewed via expedited procedures.

**Scheduled Expedited Review:** To be used by ethics admin staff only. The applicant has requested an expedited review and no major risks are involved in the study, making it plausible to review via expedited review procedures.

**Acknowledged:** This status is used for submissions other than new applications, i.e., Serious Adverse events (SAEs), HREC Documentation, and Protocol Deviations. These submissions are acknowledged by the committee/expedited review. This status is also used by the coordinator to acknowledge receipt of a submission.

Approved: The proposal and all attachments are approved, and no changes are required.

Approved with stipulations: The proposal can be approved, and the study can start, but the approval has stipulations attached to it, either in the form of very minor changes that do not need to come back to the committee or the project cannot commence until additional approvals have been obtained (e.g. WCED or PGWC).

**Modifications required:** Significant changes need to be made to the research proposal prior to approval. The approval can either be finalised by the primary reviewer and Chairperson and need not go back to the full committee or in more serious cases, the proposal must be reviewed at the next committee meeting. This status can also be used for expedited review.

**Rejected/Disapproved:** The application for ethics approval is rejected completely due to noncompliance with minimum ethics considerations.

**Deferred:** The proposal is referred to the primary investigator (PI) to rewrite and resubmit. This status is mostly used for proposals reviewed by full committee review.

**Terminated:** The study has been terminated permanently either by the HREC, but more often by the sponsor or researcher.

**No Quorum:** To be used by ethics admin staff only. Not enough voting members were present at the meeting to reach a quorum; the proposal will have to be reviewed and ratified at a next meeting.

**Referred to convened REC:** A submission was reviewed via expedited procedures but after careful review, it was decided that it should rather be scheduled for a full committee review.

**Referred to other ethics committee:** To be used by ethics admin staff only. The application was submitted to the Health Ethics office and should be reviewed by the REC: Humanities committee or vice versa.

Withdrawn: The study was withdrawn by HREC as requested by the PI