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Position responsible for developing and maintaining the policy: RSJ-H Scientific Director

1.0 PURPOSE

Research involving human participants is premised on a fundamental moral commitment to advancing human welfare, knowledge and understanding and to examining cultural dynamics. As a research-intensive institution, Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton shares this commitment in its promotion of responsible research.

2.0 POLICY

The fundamental imperative of research involving human participation is the respect for human dignity, well-being and privacy. To this end, Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton endorses the standards outlined in the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) Good Clinical Practice E6(R2) (GCP) guidelines and the ethical principles cited in the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (1998) (TCPS2), and any subsequent revisions thereto, and collaborates with the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board (HIREB) and/or other qualified external research ethics boards (REB) including, but not limited to, the REBs in the Clinical Trials Ontario (CTO) centralized ethics review process or Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board (OCREB) to ensure that all research projects involving human participants are in compliance with ICH GCP and the TCPS2. This includes the process of informed consent to participate in research. The Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board shall establish appropriate administrative policies and procedures to implement the guidelines and policy.

The guidelines and policy apply to funded and non-funded research projects involving human participants (including procedures such as interviews, questionnaires and observations on individuals or groups) carried out on or off campus by Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton affiliates, staff, research visitors, visiting fellows, and learners and to anyone conducting research at or under the auspices of Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton.

Research St. Joseph's - Hamilton is committed, along with the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board, to assist the research community in identifying and addressing ethical issues inherent in its research; recognizing that all personnel associated with Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton share a commitment to maintaining the highest possible standards in research involving humans.