

Obtaining Access to Restricted Records Containing Personal Health Information

Under *the Personal Health Information Act* (Sections 24(3) and 24(4)), a public body (called a trustee) may disclose, for research purposes, personal health information within its control if the following requirements are met:

- the research being conducted is for health research;
- the research being conducted has been formally approved by an authorized institutional research review committee (e.g. REB/HREB/BREB);
- and the researcher agrees:
 - (a) not to publish the personal health information requested in a form that could reasonably be expected to identify the individuals concerned;
 - (b) to use the personal health information requested solely for the purposes of the approved research project; and
 - (c) to ensure that the research project complies with the safeguards and procedures that include:
 - (i) reasonable safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of the personal health information, and
 - (ii) procedures to destroy or remove, at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purposes of the research, any information that, either by itself or when combined with other information available to the holder, allows individuals to be readily identified.

For research using personal health information held by the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections, the conditions above are considered to have been met by demonstrating that the research project has been formally approved by a recognized research ethics board.

For more information on submitting a project for research ethics board approval, contact:

Fort Garry Campus Research Ethics Boards

Education/Nursing REB – Education, Nursing, Physical Education and Recreation Studies, Continuing Education, Engineering.

Psychology/Sociology REB – Psychology, Sociology, Counselling Service, Social Work.

Joint-Faculty REB - Remaining faculties and departments except Pharmacy.

http://umanitoba.ca/research/ors/ethics/human_ethics_index.html

Bannatyne Campus Research Ethics Boards

Biomedical Research Ethics Board (BREB)

Health Research Ethics Board (HREB)

<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/research/ethics/>