



The Republic of Union of Myanmar

National Unity Government

Ministry of Health

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**Establishment of Ethics Review Committee (ERC) for Human Research
and Health Related Research**

1. The Ethics Review Committee (ERC) of the Ministry of Health, the National Unity Government was formed on May 8, 2022 for the purpose that the researchers and responsible persons of the research to ensure the safety and rights including privacy, confidentiality and autonomy of the people participating in the research and to provide the necessary guidance to researchers and participants of the research.
2. The responsibilities of the Ethics Review Committee (ERC) are as follows:
 - a) To review the human research and health related research conducted by the healthcare workers from the hospitals and health departments under the Ministry of Health and other related health professionals,

medical and allied medical universities under the Ministry of Education, agencies of the United Nations, Non-Governmental Organizations/ International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs/ INGOs) and International Health Institutions. Analysis will be based on all the aspects such as research ethics, professionalism, practicability, existing laws, policies and procedures.

- b) To provide guidance to the researchers and responsible persons of the research to be able to conduct ethical research that does not compromise rights of the participants such as safety, privacy, confidentiality and autonomy, in accordance with the Helsinki Statement, Guidelines of the Council for International Organizations on Medical Sciences (CIOMS) and the Code of Ethics. To provide guidance, supervise and monitor the research to be carried out that is less harmful and beneficial research.
- c) To review and approve or revise the Informed Consent Forms from various perspectives
- d) Further review and approve or revise the amendments to the research proposals recommended by the Ethics Review Committee for amendment or revision
- e) To arrange for a hearing if the people involved in the research complain about the research

- f) To send the meeting minutes of committee meetings and the annual report of the committee to the Union Minister and keep being confidential
 - g) To assign specific registration numbers for research proposals submitted to Ethics Review Committee
 - h) To manage and maintain all approved research proposals by the Secretariat team.
3. Information related to the Ethics Review Committee for human research and health related research will be further published on the website of the Ministry of Health, National Unity Government (<https://moh.nugmyanmar.org/>).

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