

Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

Annual Report

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Chairperson's Report

On behalf of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee, I have pleasure in presenting this annual report which provides an overview of the work of the committee from February 2007 to December 2007.

The membership of the committee has remained relatively stable and should continue to do so for the foreseeable future. This is positive, because we work well together and have fun at the same time.

We have been concerned on occasion about the lack of work coming to our committee. In fact, I would suggest this is the main problem besetting us. While the committees further north, particularly those in the Auckland region and the Multi-region Ethics Committee, are consistently inundated with protocols, we have not experienced the same flood of studies. We had to cancel one meeting last year and other meetings have been fairly short. This is dispiriting for our committee: we are here to do a job and wish to do it satisfactorily. A second multi-region ethics committee has been proposed to carry some of the burden, but, in our view, it would be sensible to redistribute the protocols amongst the existing committees so as to achieve some parity of workload.

In my report last year, I said I suspected that applications for expedited review would become popular in the future. This has proved to be the case, and the researchers who have used this method of obtaining ethical review in appropriate cases have been thankful for its speed and relative ease. Again, the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee has received fewer applications than most of the other committees. However, we suspect that researchers will submit further and more expedited review applications in the future.

It has struck me, as chairperson, that the guidelines for the exercise of the chairperson's discretion should be revised in light of the expedited review procedure because it is not always clear where the aegis of each set of guidelines begins and ends.

Our committee was pleased to provide thoughts and comments on research involving children in September 2007, and to present submissions on the National Ethics Advisory Committee's (NEAC's) review of the guidelines for intervention studies in November 2008. We continue to appreciate the feedback and regular information we receive from Sally Cook. My deputy chairman, Dr Phil White, has enjoyed attending some chairpersons' meetings and we hope that inclusion of the deputy chairs will become a regular feature of the chairpersons' meeting programme in the future.

Thank you to Phil, who is ready to step in and who provides a valuable sounding board at all times, our administrator Riria Tautau-Grant, for her hard work and of course our committee members! I have enjoyed this third year of being chairperson and look forward to what 2008 will bring.

Jenny Beck
Chairperson

Committee Membership

Appointments

The following members were appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

Chairperson

Jenny Beck	BA (Hons), BTh (Hons), LLB (Hons)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Lawyer
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	February 2010
Professional affiliations	Member New Zealand Law Society, New Zealand Family Law Section, Otago District Law Society Council
Iwi affiliations	None

Deputy chairperson

Phil White	MBChB, General Practitioner
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health practitioner
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	February 2010
Professional affiliations	Fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners
Iwi affiliations	None

Members

Nikki Kerruish	BMedSci, BMBS, MRCP, FRACP, MHIthEthics
Representation	Non-lay member
Member Category	Health practitioner
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	May 2010
Professional affiliations	New Zealand Masonic Postgraduate Fellowship in Paediatrics and Child Health, Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand, Royal Australasian CP, Lady King Fellow
Iwi affiliations	None

Kenneth Copland	Justice of the Peace
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community perspective
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Professional affiliations	Elected member of the Wanaka Community Board of the Queenstown Lakes District Council, Managing Director of Environmental Waste Ltd, certified boatmaster, marriage celebrant
Iwi affiliations	None
Sandra Elkin	BA (Hons), MBHL (Dist)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Ethicist
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Professional affiliations	
Iwi affiliations	None
Gwen Neave	ONZM, Justice of the Peace
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Consumer representative and Māori perspective
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Professional affiliations	Board member Presbyterian Support Southland
Iwi affiliations	Ngāti Kahungunu
Khyla Russell	PhD
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community and Māori perspective
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Professional affiliations	International Academic Advisory Board; Centre for New Zealand Studies, London
Iwi affiliations	Ngai Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha, Rapuwai, Hawea

Clare Robertson BSc (Hons), BCom, PhD
Representation Non-lay member
Member category Biostatistician
Gender Female
Date of appointment December 2004
Term of appointment 3 years
Six-year maximum term November 2010
Professional affiliations New Zealand Statistical Association, Injury Prevention Network of Aotearoa New Zealand, associate member Prevention of Falls Network Europe
Iwi affiliations None

Alan Payne BDS, MDent (Witw), DDS (Otago), FCD (SA)
Representation Non-lay member
Member category Health researcher
Gender Male
Date of appointment December 2004
Term of appointment 3 years
Six-year maximum term November 2010
Professional affiliations Registered prosthodontist, member of International Association of Dental Research
Iwi affiliations None

Rosemary Beresford PhD, MSc
Representation Non-lay member
Member category Pharmacologist
Gender Female
Date of appointment July 2005
Term of appointment 3 years
Six-year maximum term June 2011
Professional affiliations (Hon) Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand
Iwi affiliations None

Karen Goffe Diploma Social Work and Community Studies
Representation Consumer representative
Member category Lay member
Gender Female
Date of appointment December 2006
Term of appointment 3 years
Six-year maximum term December 2012
Professional affiliations Justice of the Peace Association
Iwi affiliations Ngai Tahu, Ngāpuhi, Te Atiawa

Sarah Derrett BA, DipCpN, MPH, PhD
 Representation Non-lay member
 Member category Health researcher
 Gender Female
 Date of appointment December 2006
 Term of appointment 3 years
 Six-year maximum term December 2012
 Professional affiliations Member of the EuroQol Scientific Committee
 Iwi affiliations None

Deputy chairperson

Phil White, who was elected deputy chairperson at the committee's inaugural meeting on 14 December 2004, remained deputy chairperson throughout 2007.

Members' attendance in 2007

Member	M/F	Lay/ non-lay	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Jenny Beck	F	Lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		A	Y	Y	9/10
Philip White	M	Non-lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		Y	Y	Y	9/10
Sarah Derrett	F	Non-lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	A	9/10
Nikki Kerruish	F	Non-lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A	Y	9/10
Karen Goffe	F	Lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A	A	8/10
Ken Copland	M	Lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	10/10
Sandra Elkin	F	Lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	9/10
Gwen Neave*	F	Lay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y		Y	Y	Y	9/10
Khyla Russell*	F	Lay	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y		A	A	Y	5/10
Clare Robertson	F	Non-lay	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	9/10
Alan Payne	M	Non-lay	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	9/10
Rosemary Beresford	F	Non-lay	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		A	Y	Y	8/10
No. of members present			9	12	11	11	11	9	12		9	9	10	
No. of applications			1	3	12	3	6	3	6	0	3	8	10	55

* = Māori member

Y = Present

A = Apology

No meeting was scheduled for January 2007.

No meeting was held in September 2007.

Training

New member training

All members of health and disability ethics committees, including those with previous experience, were offered training on 23 May 2007. The following members attended: Sarah Derrett and Karen Goffe.

Ongoing training

No ongoing training was held in 2007. A training session on applications for expedited review was held for chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and administrators on 27 April prior to the chairpersons' meeting.

Meeting of the Māori members

A meeting of the Māori members of all health and disability ethics committees was held on 13 June 2007. It covered the cultural section of the national application form for ethical approval of a research project, consultation and work on a Māori ethical framework being carried out by the National Ethics Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Health Research Council and Ngā Pae o Te Maramatanga.

The meeting included Māori members of the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Health Research Council Ethics Committee. The following members of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee attended. Gwen Neave and Khyla Russell.

Chairpersons' meetings

Three meetings of the chairpersons of the multi-region and regional ethics committees were held in 2007 on:

- 15 and 16 February – attended by Jenny Beck and Phil White
- 27 April – attended by Jenny Beck and Phil White
- 25 and 26 October – attended by Jenny Beck.

Māori Ethical Review Framework

Khyla Russell has attended two further meetings to support the National Ethics Advisory Committee in progressing work on the Māori Ethical Review framework. These meetings are sponsored by the National Ethics Advisory Committee.

Approval by the Health Research Council

The committee is approved by the Health Research Council until 31 December 2010.

United States Department of Health and Human Services Registration

The Lower South Regional Ethics Committee is registered with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This registration enables the committee to review research funded by the United States Government. The registration number is: IRB00004669 – Lower South Regional Ethics Committee.

Response to Cultural Issues

Number of applications deferred because Māori guidelines were not read	Nil
Number of applications for which consultation with Māori was considered appropriate	Majority
Number of applications returned through insufficient consultation on cultural issues	Nil
Process the committee has for following through on consultation	The committee requests a letter evidencing that consultation with Māori has occurred
Cases of unsatisfactory reasons for not including Māori	Nil
Mechanisms in place to facilitate consultation with Māori by researchers	University of Otago/iwi protocol for consultation
Examples of Māori not being included in research	Nil

Applications

The committee held 10 scheduled meetings from February 2007 to December 2007. The meeting for September was cancelled.

Lower South Regional Ethics Committee statistics for January–December 2007

Applications reviewed by the full committee	
Applications approved	47
Applications deferred and subsequently approved	3
Applications deferred as at time of report	1
Applications declined	1
Applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	3
Total number of applications considered by the full committee	55
Expedited review applications	
Expedited review applications approved	18
Expedited review applications declined review – ethics committee approval not required	1
Expedited review applications – received	1
Expedited review applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	1
Total number of expedited review applications reviewed	21
Total number of applications received	76

Other committee statistics

Number of matters arising	19
Number of general business items	5
Number of amendments reviewed by committee	28
Number of amendments approved under Delegated Authority	18

Innovative practice

No applications for innovative practice were received.

Second opinions

No second opinions were requested.

Complaints

No complaints were received.

Guidelines for Chairperson's Delegation

At its meeting on 14 December 2004 the committee agreed to delegate the following authority to the Chairperson:

1. protocols that are non-contentious:
 - use of non-intrusive questionnaires or
 - other simple observational methods or
 - teaching practice
2. requests for the use of tissue/body parts that would normally be discarded and where the patient has given consent
3. student projects where time is at a premium:
 - for example, medical trainee interns, in particular, are given six weeks to develop a research proposal, obtain ethical approval, carry out research, and prepare a report
4. minor amendments and extensions to existing protocols
5. a full approval where an approval in principle has previously been granted by the committee and the researcher has complied with the requests of the committee
6. consultation with Māori where:
 - the investigator provides evidence that consultation with Māori has been initiated, and
 - there has been significant time lapse in obtaining a response to that consultation, and
 - further delay disadvantages the research.

These delegations are binding on the Deputy Chairperson, where that person is required to act on behalf of the Chairperson.

Appendix 1: Lower South Regional Ethics Committee Terms of Reference

Public authority of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

The Lower South Regional Ethics Committee (Lower South REC) was established as a Ministerial committee under section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. These Terms of Reference outline the role and functions of the Lower South REC.

Authority of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

The Lower South REC shall have responsibility for ethics committee review of health and disability research and innovative practice occurring in the following District Health Board regions:

- Otago
- Southland.

The Lower South REC is responsible for any health and disability research that is currently being undertaken in the above DHB regions, provided that such research has previously been given ethical approval by an approved regional ethics committee.

Relation to the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees

These Terms of Reference have precedence over the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees (Operational Standard) on any point of conflict, but otherwise, the Operational Standard applies to the Lower South REC.

Relations with other public sector organisations

The Lower South REC shall liaise with other relevant ethics committees on matters of common interest, such as jurisdiction over borderline cases. The Lower South REC shall inform the Ministry of Health and the National Ethics Advisory Committee of any matters that arise in its operation that potentially have policy significance.

Approval of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

The Lower South REC has to be approved for the purposes outlined in the following enactments:

- The Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001
- The Health Research Council Act 1990
- The Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

Role of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

The primary role of the Lower South REC is to provide independent ethical review of health research and innovative practice that will be conducted in its region of authority to safeguard the rights, health and wellbeing of consumers and research participants and, in particular, those persons with diminished autonomy. In order to do this, the Lower South REC shall:

- i. foster an awareness of ethical principles and practices in the health and disability sector and research community
- ii. facilitate excellence in health research and innovative practice for the wellbeing of society
- iii. collaborate with researchers to ensure the interests, rights, dignity, welfare, health and wellbeing of participants and consumers are protected
- iv. give due consideration to community views
- v. consistent with section 4 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and He Korowai Oranga, recognise and respect the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- vi. operate in accordance with the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees
- vii. operate in accordance with any guidance issued or approved by the Minister of Health.

Composition and membership

Guiding principle

The primary guiding principle for appointing members to the Lower South REC is to ensure that the Lower South REC has the appropriate expertise, skills, knowledge and perspectives to conduct ethical review of the best quality.

Member numbers

The number of members of the Lower South REC should be 12.

Lay/non-lay membership

One half of the total membership shall be lay members, including a lay Chairperson and a non-lay Deputy Chairperson. A lay person is a person who is not:

- currently, nor has recently been, a registered health practitioner (for example, a doctor, nurse, midwife, dentist, pharmacist)
- involved in conducting health or disability research or who is employed by a health agency and who is in a sector of that agency that undertakes health research
- construed by virtue of employment, profession or relationship to have a potential conflict or professional bias in a majority of protocols reviewed.

Member categories

The Lower South REC's lay membership shall include:

- an ethicist
- a lawyer
- consumer perspectives
- community perspectives.

The Lower South REC's non-lay members shall include:

- two health researchers
- a pharmacist or pharmacologist
- a biostatistician
- two health practitioners.

Whole committee requirements

At any time, consistent with the requirements of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act requirements for District Health Boards, the Lower South REC shall have at least two Māori members. Māori members should have a recognised awareness of te reo Māori and an understanding of tikanga Māori. All members of the Lower South REC are expected to have an understanding of how the health sector responds to Māori issues and their application to ethical review.

The Lower South REC's membership should include expertise in the main kinds of health and disability research (for example, interventional, observational, kaupapa Māori, and social research) and in both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Members should possess an attitude that is accepting of the values of other professions and community perspectives, and it is important for the Lower South REC to be comprised of people from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities.

Despite being drawn from groups identified with particular interests or responsibilities in connection with health and community issues, Lower South REC committee members are not in any way the representatives of those groups. They are appointed in their own right, to participate in the work of the Lower South REC as equal individuals of sound judgement, relevant experience and adequate training in ethical review.

Terms and conditions of appointment

Members of the Lower South REC are appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, for a term of office of up to three years. The terms of office of members of the Lower South REC shall be staggered to ensure continuity of membership. Members may be reappointed from time to time. No member may hold office for more than six consecutive years. After serving the maximum six-year term, members shall not be considered for reappointment to any Health Research Council (HRC)-approved ethics committee until at least three years after their retirement from the Lower South REC.

Persons who have served six consecutive years on any Health Research Council (HRC)-approved ethics committee shall not be immediately eligible for appointment to the Lower South REC. Those persons shall not be eligible for appointment to the Lower South REC until at least three years after their retirement from any HRC-approved ethics committee. Persons who have served less than six years on any HRC-approved committee will be eligible to be appointed to the Lower South REC for a term that is equal to the difference of six years and the term already served by that person on any HRC-approved ethics committee, or a shorter period.

A person may not be a member of the Lower South REC and National Ethics Advisory Committee or the Health Research Council Ethics Committee simultaneously.

Unless a person sooner vacates their office, every appointed member of the Lower South REC shall continue in office until their successor comes into office. Any member of the Lower South REC may at any time resign as a member by advising the Minister of Health in writing.

Any member of the Lower South REC may at any time be removed from office by the Minister of Health for inability to perform the functions of office, bankruptcy, neglect of duty or misconduct, proved to the satisfaction of the Minister.

The Minister may from time to time alter or reconstitute the Lower South REC or discharge any member of the Lower South REC or appoint new members to the Lower South REC for the purpose of decreasing or increasing the membership or filling any vacancies.

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The Minister shall appoint a member of the Lower South REC to be its Chairperson. The terms and conditions of appointment for members of the Lower South REC also apply to the person appointed as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Lower South REC at which they are present.

The Lower South REC shall appoint a non-lay member as Deputy Chairperson.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson may act with the delegated authority of the Lower South REC between meetings.

Duties and responsibilities of a member

This section sets out the duties and responsibilities generally expected of a person appointed as a member of the Lower South REC. This is intended to aid Lower South REC members by providing them with a common set of principles for appropriate conduct and behaviour.

General

Lower South REC members should have a commitment to protecting the interests of human participants while promoting and facilitating excellence in research and innovative practice.

There is an expectation that Lower South REC members will make every effort to attend all Lower South REC meetings and devote sufficient time to become familiar with the affairs of the Lower South REC and the wider environment within which it operates.

Members have a duty to act responsibly with regard to the effective and efficient administration of the Lower South REC and the use of Lower South REC funds.

Conflicts of interest

Lower South REC members should perform their functions in good faith, honestly and impartially and avoid situations that might compromise their integrity or otherwise lead to conflicts of interest. Proper observation of these principles will protect the Lower South REC and its members and will ensure it retains public confidence.

Lower South REC members attend meetings and undertake Lower South REC activities as independent persons responsible to the Lower South REC as a whole. Members are not appointed as representatives of professional organisations or particular community bodies. The Lower South REC should not, therefore, assume that a particular group's interests have been taken into account because a Lower South REC member is associated with this group. Members should declare, and the committee regularly review, their actual and potential conflicts of interest.

When Lower South REC members believe they have a conflict of interest on a subject that will prevent them from reaching an impartial decision or from undertaking an activity consistent with the Lower South REC's functions, they should declare that conflict of interest and withdraw themselves from the discussion and/or activity.

A member of the Lower South REC who has a proposal before the Lower South REC or who has an involvement in the proposal, such as a supervisory role, shall not take part in the Lower South REC's assessment of that proposal. The member may be present to answer questions about a proposal but should take no part in the discussion surrounding the consideration of the proposal or any decision relating to the proposal. This will allow proposals to be considered in a free and frank manner. The Lower South REC must exhibit transparency in avoiding or managing any real or perceived conflict of interest.

Confidentiality and information sharing

Agendas and minutes of all Lower South REC meetings should be available to the public. Copies of proposals should be available to individuals outside the Lower South REC, subject to deletions in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and any deletions necessary to protect the privacy of individual persons. If an applicant would like their proposal to remain confidential, they must give reasons, consistent with the Official Information Act 1982, to satisfy the Lower South REC that the proposal should remain confidential. The reasons for keeping a proposal confidential are subject to review by the Ombudsmen.

It is desirable for the members of the Lower South REC to have an opportunity to discuss issues arising from applications with key contacts and support people prior to the consideration of proposals. This process should be encouraged. However, due to the need to protect any personal information, names or identifying details should not be circulated or made known outside the Lower South REC. The Lower South REC will need to consider the Privacy Act 1993 and the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 in developing these processes.

Within the Lower South REC, members with particular community expertise should be consulted and provide advice on the appropriate consultative process for all ethical issues concerning particular communities of interest.

Committee meetings

Meetings of the Lower South REC shall be held monthly or less frequently, as determined by the workload.

At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of at least seven members or the minimum number constituting a majority. The quorum must include a reasonable representation of members with health practitioner, research, ethical and community/consumer expertise, knowledge and perspectives.

As part of the accountability to the public they protect, it is desirable for the meetings of the Lower South REC to be open to the public. Meetings of the Lower South REC should therefore be:

- i. open meetings for the discussion of broad issues, particularly if the Lower South REC is reviewing health research
- ii. closed meetings when necessary to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of participants
- iii. closed meetings when applicants provide good and sufficient reasons for this to occur, and the minutes of the meeting should reflect these reasons.

Information about the dates and times of committee meetings should be made available to the public.

Applicants may attend meetings in person or by teleconference to talk to their proposal and answer any questions the Lower South REC may have. Attendance is not mandatory. The Lower South REC should advise applicants that they may be asked to leave the meeting while the Lower South REC considers the proposal.

Subject to the provisions set out in this document, the Lower South REC may regulate its own procedures.

Decision-making process

Wherever possible, the Lower South REC should determine matters by consensus decision. Where a consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall apply, with a two-thirds majority of those voting required for any decisions, and the Chairperson having a casting vote.

In relation to research involving Māori, it is important that Māori expertise be available to ensure that all issues are appropriately considered. Where it is not possible for Māori members to attend a Lower South REC meeting or for those members' views to be sought and represented at the meeting, the matter should be deferred.

On occasion, individual members may wish to abstain from some or all of the decision-making process because of strong personal moral or religious reasons. Such abstentions shall not affect the approval process.

Ethics committee actions

For each application it reviews, the Lower South REC must state to its applicant whether its action is to approve, approve subject to conditions, defer, or decline that application. It must state its grounds for any action to defer or decline. For any action to approve subject to conditions, the Lower South REC must specify the conditions, the grounds for these conditions and its process for assessing whether these conditions are subsequently met. In all cases, the Lower South REC must state which matters its action is based upon and which are instead matters of comment, information or advice to its applicant.

Expert advice and consultation

Members may wish to consult on ethical issues with, for example, individuals, groups, iwi and hapū, and this should be encouraged and supported. Consultation should be carried out in a timely manner.

Where the Chairperson or a quorum of Lower South REC members believes there is insufficient expertise on the Lower South REC to assess an application or an issue, the committee should seek additional expert advice.

Advice may be sought from recognised experts with:

- i. specialist knowledge in particular fields of science and medicine
- ii. knowledge of the experiences and perspectives of people with disabilities
- iii. awareness of gender health perspectives
- iv. consumer and/or research participant perspectives
- v. an understanding of community health issues
- vi. an understanding of relevant cultural perspectives
- vii. an understanding of developing Māori research methodologies
- viii. expertise in te reo Māori
- ix. expertise in ethical theory.

It should be noted that the above list gives examples, without restricting the range, of external expertise that may be sought.

Where external consultation has taken place or advice has been sought, this should be documented, and recorded where appropriate in the Lower South REC's decision on a proposal.

Second opinions and appeals

At any stage in its deliberations, the Lower South REC may seek a second opinion from the Health Research Council Ethics Committee, in accordance with the Operational Standard.

The decisions of the Lower South REC may be appealed to the Standing Committee on Appeals convened by the National Ethics Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the National Ethics Advisory Committee and any guidance promulgated by the Standing Committee on the appeals process.

Training for members

Training should be provided for new members and chairpersons within six months of appointment to the Lower South REC.

Reporting requirements

The following provides a checklist of requirements for annual reporting. Annual reports should be submitted to the Minister of Health and will be tabled by the Minister of Health in the House of Representatives.

The annual report shall include information on the membership of the Lower South REC, including any change in the Lower South REC's membership or other substantive changes the Lower South REC or its chairperson feels should be noted.

The annual report shall also include a list of the national and multi-region research and innovative practice protocols reviewed in the preceding year outlining the following details:

- i. Research title
- ii. Principal investigator
- iii. Institutions where the research is to be/has been undertaken
- iv. Date of first review
- v. Date of final outcome
- vi. Outcome (which will be one of: approved, approved with conditions, deferred, declined)
- vi. For each protocol deferred or declined, the reason(s) for the decision.

The annual report shall also include:

- i. A list of training undertaken by Lower South REC members, and a statement on processes for orientation and training of new Lower South REC members should be included.
- ii. A list of complaints received by the Lower South REC (if any), the actions taken to resolve the complaint(s) and a comment on the outcome of the complaint(s).
- iii. Any areas of review that caused difficulty for the Lower South REC in making a decision on any particular protocol(s), and any questions on policy or other matters the Lower South REC referred to the National Ethics Advisory Committee or the Health Research Council Ethics Committee for comment or guidance.

In compiling annual reports, the Lower South REC should take care not to provide information that would involve a breach of the Privacy Act 1993 and/or the Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

Fees and allowances

Members of the Lower South REC are entitled to be paid fees for attendance at meetings. The level of attendance fees are set in accordance with the State Services Commission's framework for fees for statutory bodies.

The Chairperson shall receive an attendance fee of \$330 per day (plus half a day's preparation fee). The attendance fee for members is set at \$250 per day (plus half a day's preparation fee). The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall receive an allowance of up to one extra day each per month to cover additional work undertaken under the delegated authority of the Lower South REC by the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Ministry of Health shall pay actual and reasonable travel and accommodation expenses of the Lower South REC members.

Servicing of the Lower South Regional Ethics Committee

The Ministry of Health shall employ staff and provide resources to service, advise and administer the Lower South REC out of the allocated budget for ethics committees.

Appendix 2: Applications Received January–December 2007

Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
LRS/07/02/001	Multicentre RCT of pelvic floor muscle training for prolapse.	Prof Don Wilson	25/01/07	1/02/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	19/03/07	Dunedin School of Medicine Department of Women's and Children's Health	A	NZ Lottery Grants Board – Grant	Ngai Tahu Research; Hine Forsyth
LRS/07/03/002	Endothelial function and circulating endothelial microparticles in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.	Prof John Highton	12/02/07	6/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	28/05/07	Rheumatology Outpatients, Dunedin Hospital and Wellcome Buildings University of Otago (FACS analysis)	A	Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/03/003	Perceptions of how daily physical activity influences fatigue in people with multiple sclerosis.	Dr Leigh Hale	26/02/07	6/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Completed	3/04/07	School of Physiotherapy, Invercargill	A	School of Physiotherapy	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; Dion Williams of the Māori Health Unit SDHB
LRS/07/03/004	Young children's voices: obtaining information from young children about their experience of illness and hospitalisation.	Dr Thelma (Tess) Patterson	26/02/07	6/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/05/07	Dunedin Public Hospital	A	University of Otago Research Grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/005	Interstitial cells of Cajal in the human gallbladder.	Mark Stringer	20/03/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	26/04/07	ODHB Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology	Nil	Student support funds, Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/006	Postural stability and gait patterns of elderly people on impact absorbing flooring material.	Assoc Prof Claire M Robertson	27/03/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	24/04/07	Biomechanics Laboratory, School of Physiotherapy Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/007	The principles of Māori directed practice and development. The development of a tikanga Māori informed community development evaluation framework.	Mr Anaru Eketone	5/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	24/04/07	Te Roopu Tautoko Ki Te Tonga	Nil		Te Runanga o Olakou; Te Roopu Tautoko ki te Tonga
LRS/07/04/008	Rural workers experience of low back pain: exploring why the continue to work.	Dr Sarah Dean	5/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	6/06/07	Local community settings to be identified	A	University of Otago research grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/009	Biopsychosocial outcomes for high use patients. A case control study of the characteristics of high users of general practice services.	Dr Stephen Graham	5/04/07	3/04/07	Deferred	OSEC para 2.2 iii consent	Deferred		Fiordland Medical Centre	Nil		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/010	The experience of falls among community dwelling adults with physical disabilities.	Dr Katrina Varian	26/03/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	24/05/07	Participant place of choice	Nil	HRC scholarship	Hine Forsyth; Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee

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LRS/07/04/011	The clinical anatomy of the anterior neck muscles in young volunteers.	Ewan Kennedy	18/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	14/05/07	Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology Radiology Department, Dunedin Hospital Marnoto Clinic	A	Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/012	The neurology of imitation.	Dr Elizabeth Franz	18/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Psychology Department, University of Otago Dunedin Hospital Mellor House	A	University of Otago Research Grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/013	A prevalence study of neurogenic pain following caesarean section.	Naomi Eastwood-Wilshire	18/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	1/05/07	Department of Women's and Children's Health Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Dunedin Hospital	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; Hine Forsyth
LRS/07/04/014	Childhood obesity: respiratory sleep disturbance and its implications to daytime functioning.	Dr Barbara Galland	18/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	30/05/07	Dunedin Hospital, Respiratory Research Unit, Dunedin School of Medicine Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences, Radiology Department, Dunedin Hospital	A	University of Otago Research Grants, Department Postgraduate Funds	Hine Forsyth
LRS/07/04/015	Meta-display technology pathways to identify microbial factors involved periodontal disease.	Jasna Rakonjac	18/04/07	3/04/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	28/06/07	School of Dentistry	A	Application for funding to the NIH, USA	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/04/016	Reducing childhood obesity with a school based group intervention.	Haley McLaren	9/05/07	3/04/07	Declined	OSEC para 258 (iv) and (v), appropriate and number of children limited to the number scientifically and ethically essential	Declined		Schools	A	Request made to the Sport and Recreation, New Zealand	University of Otago Māori Liaison Committee initiated
LRS/07/05/017	Gene activity during human placental development.	Dr Ian Morrison	24/04/07	1/05/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/06/07	Department of Biochemistry, University of Otago	A	Grants – National Research Centre for Growth and Development (NRCGD)	Ngai Tahu
LRS/07/05/018	Quality of life versus length of life: Are cancer patients' preferences stable over time?	Claire C Paton	24/04/07	1/05/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	5/06/07	Haematology/Oncology Outpatient Department	A	Department of Education and Surgical Sciences, Dunedin Hospital	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee

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LRS/07/05/019	The influence of orthodontic treatment on mandibular motion.	Andrew Quick	23/04/07	1/05/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/05/07	School of Physiotherapy School of Dentistry	A	Department research funding; Grants from NZ Association Orthodontists postgraduate education funds (department)	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/05/021	A case study on the use of the levonorgestrel intra uterine device (Mirena) in an adolescent with an intellectual disability.	Dr Helen Paterson	28/05/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Completed	30/07/07	Department of Women's and Children's Health Other locality of the interviewees choosing	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee Mark Brunton; and Hine Forsyth
LRS/07/06/020	Schizophrenia: outcome, psychosis, experience (SCOPE).	Dr Richard Mullen	7/05/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/08/07	Participants' own homes	Nil		Māori Mental Health Team; Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/06/022	Chylomicron associated paraoxanase activity in patients with type 2 diabetes and the effect of meals rich in saturated fat and oleic acid.	Assoc Prof Patrick Manning	29/05/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/08/07	Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	A	Otago Medical Research Foundation	Māori will be recruited
LRS/07/06/023	Body temperature, cardiovascular function and exercise performance following spinal cord injury.	Dr Philip N Ainslie	31/05/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	12/10/07	School of Physical Education	A	SPARC	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/06/024	The effect of smoking on periodontal ligament fibroblasts and gingival fibroblasts: an in vitro wound model.	Patti Chou	28/05/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	20/07/07	School of Dentistry	A	New Zealand Dental Association Research Foundation Board	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; Associate Professor John Broughton and Mr Mark Brunton
LRS/07/06/025	Client initiated aggression against patient support workers in non-governmental organisations.	Dr Chris Gale	1/06/07	5/06/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	19/11/07	At participants' discretion	Nil	University of Otago Research Grant	Ngai Tahu Māori Health Research Unit; Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; University of Otago Māori Research Review Committee
LRS/07/07/026	Female methadone client's perceptions of what enables successful withdrawal from methadone – a phenomenological approach.	Dr Gavin Cape	26/06/07	3/07/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	1/08/07	Community Alcohol and Drugs Service	Nil		CADS – Māori staff
LRS/07/07/027	Motivation for participating in family-based lifestyle intervention.	Dr Rachael Taylor	28/06/07	3/07/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	9/08/07	Paediatrics Outpatients, Dunedin Hospital University of Otago	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee

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LRS/07/07/028	Factors related to adherence to falls prevention exercise programmes in older adults: a qualitative study.	Ms Lucy McCracken	25/06/07	3/07/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	21/09/07	Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	NII	ACC	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/08/029	Interventions for replacing missing teeth: oral implants in fresh extraction sockets immediately loaded with all-ceramic prosthodontic components.	Mr Simon Brown	23/07/07	7/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	13/09/07	School of Dentistry	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/08/030	Mandibular single implant overdentures using an innovative implant attachment system: an in-vivo and in-vitro study.	Mr Nabeel Alsabeeha	30/07/07	7/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	27/08/07		A		
LRS/07/08/031	Gene expression of peripheral blood leukocytes in gingivitis and periodontitis: a comparison using PCR array.	Doris Lam	16/08/07	7/08/07	Deferred	Minimisation of harm section 2.5 paragraph 64; justice section 2.6 paragraph 73.i	Approved	9/10/08	School of Dentistry	A	Grant application to NZ Dental Association Research Foundation	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/08/032	Lower level laser therapy in the management of Achilles tendinopathy.	Mr Steve Tumilty	16/08/07	7/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/09/07	School of Physiotherapy School of Physiotherapy	A	University of Otago establishment grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/08/033	Reinforcement mechanisms and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).	Dr Brent Alsop	16/08/07	7/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions	30/08/07	Department of Psychology, University of Otago Consenting Schools	A	HRC Programme Grant Extension	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/08/034	A clinical comparison between preformed Japanese nickel-titanium (NiTi) and titanium-molybdenum-alloy (TiMA) T-closing loops during orthodontic space closure.	Betty Keng	16/08/07	7/08/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	13/11/07	School of Dentistry	A	Application submission to dental companies	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/10/035	Required knee motion to get into a car – how difficult is it for patients to get into a car in the immediate post-operative period after total knee arthroplasty?	Assoc Prof JC Theis	25/09/07	2/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	27/11/07	Public car sale yards	A	Car yard to lend cars; Department of Orthopaedic surgery to lend equipment – video camera and knee brace; Department of Physical Education to lend the electric goniometer	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/10/036	"I want to wake up dead": a discursive exploration of end-of-life (EOL) care for older people in rural New Zealand.	Dr Christine Stephens	25/09/07	2/10/07	Deferred	OSEC 2.1 page 27	Approved	3/12/07	Participants' homes	NII	Limited funding through Massey University, scholarship from the BRCS network	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee

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LRS/07/10/037	a) Use of the electronic nose in the diagnosis of asthma and sarcoidosis b) Validation of the electronic nose measurements – do caffeine, food, exercise or inhaled beta-antagonist use affect results?	Prof D Robin Taylor	25/09/07	2/10/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	19/03/08	Otago Respiratory Research Unit, Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences Otago District Health Board	A	Applied for Otago summer student scholarship	
LRS/07/11/038	Benzyl alcohol exposure during haemodialysis.	Dr Natalie Medicott	21/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions	27/02/08	Dunedin Public Hospital	A	School of Pharmacy	Small project of interest to all. Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee indicate interest and requested they record ethnicity.
LRS/07/11/039	The pharmacokinetic, metabolic and safety profile of intravenous paracetamol in adult patients undergoing major abdominal surgery.	Dr Mathew Zacharias	22/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	7/01/08	Dunedin Public Hospital	A	Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/040	Friends of the medical school database.	Dr Hamish Wilson	29/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	13/12/07	University of Otago	Nil		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/041	Pharmacokinetically-guided versus conventional enoxaparin dosing: a randomised controlled trial.	Prof Stephen Duffull	29/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	30/01/08	Dunedin Public Hospital School of Pharmacy, University of Otago	A	Laurensen Grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/042	Transforming notions of disability – a qualitative evaluation of the joint IHC/CCS "Our stories" community education project.	Dr Nancy Higgins	29/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	12/11/07	Donald Beasley Institute	Nil		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/043	Investigating the relationship between physical activity levels and changes in disability over time in low back pain population.	Paul Hendrick	21/11/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	7/01/08	School of Physiotherapy Participant's choice	A	SPARC Grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/044	Decreasing pain, disability, waiting lists and costs of osteoarthritis: economic analysis of physiotherapy care to reduce costs of osteoarthritis.	Dr Haxby Abbott	29/10/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	22/11/07	Dunedin Public Hospital School of Pharmacy, University of Otago	A	Grants from Health Research Council Lottery Grant	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/11/045	The effect of increasingly premature birth has on clinician's understandings of the ethical issues of neonatal care and abortion.	Prof Grant Gillet	21/11/07	6/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	5/12/07	Otago Bioethics Centre Otago Medical School Dunedin Public Hospital	A	Health Research Council Ethics summer research scholarship	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/12/046	How do health care providers perceive the influence of exercise on fatigue in people with multiple sclerosis (MS)?	Catherine Smith	21/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	27/02/08	School of Physiotherapy	Nil		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee

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LRS/07/12/047	Validation of the MINO metric oxide analyser device.	Prof D Robin Taylor	21/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	15/02/08	Otago Respiratory Research Unit, Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	A	Devices provided by the manufacturer Aerocrine. Agreed in principle in response to technical problems that the research lab identified with the product.	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/12/048	GroEL and heat shock protein 60 specific T cells in atherosclerosis and chronic periodontitis.	Erni Noor	21/11/07	4/12/07	Deferred	Validity of research, minimisation of harm	Approved	15/04/08	Faculty of Dentistry	A	Grant from NZ Dental Research Fund	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/12/049	Narrative approaches to bioethics of brain damage: creating meaning from the illness stories of individuals suffering from brain injury.	Prof Grant Gillet	22/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	7/03/08	ISIS Centre	Nil	Dunedin School of Medicine summer research project	Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/12/050	Studies of grief: the experiences of male prisoners.	Christine Hendry	23/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	30/01/08	Otago Corrections Facility	Nil	PI professional development fund	Kaitiaki services co-ordinator; Māori health staff; polytech. Dr Khyia Russell; Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee
LRS/07/12/051	An investigation into the association between alcohol use, injury and licensed premises in primary care settings in Dunedin.	Dr Rachael McLean	26/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	3/03/08	Public Health South Dunedin Urgent Doctors Services Otago University of Health Services Otago Polytechnic Health Services Emergency Department, Dunedin Hospital	Nil		Public Health South Māori Health Advisor
LRS/07/12/052	Otago medical research expedition to Mt Everest – mechanisms of central sleep apnoea.	Dr Philip N Ainslie	26/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	11/01/08		A		
LRS/07/12/053	Snoring in a community sample of Dunedin two- and three-year-olds. Phase 1: prevalence and predictive factors.	Amelia Gill	26/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	18/02/08	Otago District Health Board	A		
LRS/07/12/054	The effect of mirena, the levonorgestrel-releasing intra uterine device, on bone mineral density.	Dr Dawn Miller	26/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	15/02/08	School of Medical Sciences Family Planning Association (FPA) Family Planning Clinic	A	University of Otago Research Grant	

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LRS/07/12/055	Sleep hygiene intervention in overweight/obese children and adolescents: a pilot study.	Dr Barbara Galland	26/1/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	18/02/08	Clinical Trials Research Unit Paediatrics Outpatients, Dunedin Hospital Dunedin Public Hospital	A		Ngai Tahu Research Consultation Committee; Hine Forsyth – Consultant. Mana Whenua Working Party.

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LRS/07/01/CPD	Identifying tracheal anatomy and endotracheal tube position using ultrasound to facilitate ultrasound guided percutaneous tracheostomy.	Dr Carsten Hermes	4/04/07				Approved subject to conditions			NII		
LRS/07/02/CPD	Everyday racism at Dunedin School of Medicine.	Mr Simon Collins	12/07/07				Completed	9/07/07	Dunedin School of Medicine	A		
LRS/07/01/EXP	Analysis of the liver biopsy service – trainee intern.	Lara Colbourne	16/01/07				Completed	19/01/07	GA	NII		
LRS/07/02/EXP	Audit of use of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) for carbamazepine, sodium valproate, phenytoin and clozapine at Dunedin and Waikari Hospitals.	June Tordoff	21/02/07				Ethical approval not required		School of Pharmacy	NII		
LRS/07/03/EXP	Synthesis and function of the human protein PEG10 in normal development and cancer.	Dr Warren Tate	23/02/07				Approved	6/03/07	Biochemistry Department, University of Otago	A		
LRS/07/04/EXP	The turnaround project: an assessment of "circle time" at school.	Dr Nicola Swain-Campbell	26/02/07				Approved	8/06/07	Psychological Medicine, University of Otago	NII		
LRS/07/05/EXP	Analysis of cardiac arrests at Dunedin Public Hospital.	Lara Colbourne	7/03/07				Completed	7/03/07	Dunedin Public Hospital	NII		
LRS/07/06/EXP	Prevalence of chronic conditions causing developmental disability in children in the province of Otago and the assessment of their service provisions.	Muhammed Mujeeb Bin Haji Mohd Taib	18/04/07	4/03/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	21/06/07	Department of Women's and Children's Health Paediatrics Unit - Healthcare Otago	NII		

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LRS/07/07/EXP	Scleral covering and the risk of complications of bone derived hydroxyapatite orbital implants follow-up study (orbital implants follow-up study).	Prof ACB Molleno	4/05/07				Approved	14/05/07	Ophthalmology	Nil		
LRS/07/08/EXP	A retrospective review of all cases of osteitis condensans ilii and its clinical correlates at Dunedin Hospital 1997-2007.	Dr Katherine Jenks	24/04/07				Approved	6/06/07	Department of Rheumatology	Nil		
LRS/07/09/EXP	The efficacy of music as an aid to smoking cessation.	Shaun Cavanagh	25/05/07				Completed	20/06/07	Southern Institute of Technology	Nil		Te Hotu Manawa; local runaka; Public Health South; Waithopal Runaka; SDHB, Kaitiaki Hauora Committee
LRS/07/10/EXP	An audit of stereotactic radiosurgery for intercranial atreivonous malformations in New Zealand.	Dr David McDowell	25/05/07				Approved	29/05/07	Dunedin Public Hospital	A		
LRS/07/11/EXP	Health outcome in spinal cord injury.	Dr Abdul Kareem	27/08/07				Received			Nil		
LRS/07/12/EXP	Additional testing of samples drawn from study member of OTA/03/08/091 – phase (age) 32 of the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study (DMHDS): Reproductive Health and Sexual Behaviour.	Dr Nigel Dickson	8/08/07				Approved	30/08/07		Nil		
LRS/07/13/EXP	Preventability of pre-hospital trauma death in Otago/Southeastland.	Dr James Falconer	20/09/07				Approved	18/09/07	Intensive Care Unit	A		
LRS/07/14/EXP	Nurses knowledge and views of talking therapies in clinical practice.	Trudy Dent	25/09/07				Approved	10/10/07	Wakari Hospital	Nil		Te Oranga Tonutanga
LRS/07/15/EXP	Development of a tool to measure patient satisfaction with the medical consultation as regards facilitation of disclosure of intimate partner violence (IPV).	Sarah Dunn	12/1/07				Approved	23/10/07		A		
LRS/07/16/EXP	Survey and health needs assessment of the general health, access to services and lifestyle of residents of Stewart Island (Rakiura), New Zealand.	Jessica Haydon-Clarke	23/10/07				Approved	30/10/07	Stewart Island	Nil		Gwen Neave
LRS/07/17/EXP	European league against rheumatism scleroderma trials and research group – minimum essential data set international registry – EUSTAR.	Dr Simon Stebbings	23/10/07				Approved	11/02/08		Nil		

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LRS/07/18/EXP	A case series in individuals with eagles syndrome.	Dr Gillian Johnson	21/10/07	3/11/07	Approved subject to conditions	Reviewed by full committee November meeting	Approved	5/12/07	School of Dentistry School of Physiotherapy	NII		
LRS/07/19/EXP	Provision of cataract services for rural populations – comparison of highland of Scotland with South Island New Zealand: listing criteria and patient journeys.	Gordon Sanderson	29/11/07	4/12/07	Approved subject to conditions	Reviewed by full committee December meeting	Approved	5/02/07	School of Medicine, Scotland and Ophthalmology Section, University of Otago	NII		