

Policy Title: RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

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PURPOSE

The intent of this document is to ensure that Alfred Health complies with the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research* (2007) (the Code), jointly issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Research Council and Universities Australia. The Code replaces the *Joint NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice* (1997).

Compliance with the Code is a prerequisite for receipt of National Health and Medical Research Council funding.

POLICY

Alfred Health requires staff who conduct research to comply with all aspects of the Code. This applies to research conducted on Alfred Health premises, or by staff, students, visiting scientists and visiting medical officers using Alfred Health facilities or services.

The *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research* (available at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r39syn.htm>) comprises:

Part A: Principles and practices to encourage responsible research conduct

- General principles of responsible research
- Management of research data and primary materials
- Supervision of research trainees
- Publication and dissemination of research findings
- Authorship
- Peer review
- Conflicts of interest
- Collaborative research across institutions

Part B: Breaches of the code, research misconduct, and the framework for resolving allegations

- Breaches of the Code and misconduct in research
- Concepts and definitions
- Responsibilities
- The framework for resolving allegations

REFERENCES

Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007)

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r39syn.htm>

National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e72syn.htm>

The Alfred Medical Research and Education Precinct Guidelines to Good Clinical Research Practice

<http://www.alfredresearch.org/research/gcrp.htm>

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic) ⁱ

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ⁱ REMINDER: Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 – All those involved in decisions based on this policy have an obligation to ensure that all decisions and actions are compatible with relevant human rights.