

**Institutional Review Board  
of the University of Hong Kong/Hospital Authority Hong Kong West Cluster  
(HKU/HA HKW IRB)**

An institutional review board set up under the Agreement on Joint Governance of the Institutional Review Board of the University of Hong Kong/Hospital Authority Hong Kong West Cluster

POWERS AND DUTIES

1. To review and handle research ethics matters in relation to clinical research conducted at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and/or the Hospital Authority (HA) Hong Kong West (HKW) Cluster.
2. To consider individual research protocols submitted to the IRB; to advise investigators and other bodies in the light of approved guidelines and where appropriate to certify that ethical requirements have been fulfilled, to enable researchers to state in their publications that ethical matters have received independent consideration.
3. To monitor and evaluate the progress of approved projects.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Chairman (appointed by the Cluster Chief Executive (CCE) of the Hong Kong West Cluster Hospitals, HA and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, HKU)
- (b) Not less than six Deputy Chairmen (appointed by the Chairman from among the members), who should have strong research background
- (c) Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, HKU or his authorized representative (*ex-officio*)
- (d) Cluster Chief Executive of the HA HKW or his authorized representative (*ex-officio*)
- (e) Representatives to be nominated by the clinical departments of HKW cluster hospitals. The nominees, who may be either HA or Faculty staff, should possess specialist qualification
- (f) One representative each from the Department of Community Medicine and the Department of Nursing Studies, Faculty of Medicine, HKU
- (g) One professional representative of Allied Health Services, HA HKW
- (h) Representative(s) to be nominated by the former Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Grantham Hospital (*GH*)
- (i) Lay members, recommended by the Chiefs of Services and jointly appointed by the CCE and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, on the endorsement of the Chairman
- (j) Representatives to be nominated by other Faculties (other than the Faculty of Medicine) of the University of Hong Kong
- (k) Co-opted Reviewers with special expertise

The nominated members will serve for a term of two years and be eligible for re-appointment.

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