

## Uniting Care Health Human Research Ethics Committee

### Fee Policy and Schedule

Policy: Uniting Health Care Human Research Ethics Committee has a policy of charging a fee for access to the review and monitoring of those research proposals by the HREC that are trials of pharmaceuticals or therapeutic goods or services under the auspices of commercial sponsors.

The justification is partial cost recovery for the administration of the review and monitoring process.

Commercial sponsors are to be charged the fee where the research is initiated by the sponsor as part of the development of pharmaceuticals or therapeutic goods or services for commercial marketing. Protocols that are not funded by private sector organizations and protocols with small external grants will not be charged. Research undertaken within undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate training programs and studies funded by national granting agencies will not be charged.

The fee is non refundable and is not contingent upon a successful review outcome.

The level of fees is based on the personnel and administrative costs for review and monitoring of these research proposals, given the regulatory requirements of the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

#### Fee Schedule:

Full Review: \$3000 (+GST)

Secondary Review (i.e., where primary approval from another AHEC constituted HREC is provided): up to \$1000 (+GST) - the actual amount to be determined by the Manager, Human Research Ethics Committee, having regard to the scope and content of the application.

Amendment Review (studies with full industry sponsorship): not to exceed \$500 (+GST) - the actual amount to be determined by the Manager, Human Research Ethics Committee, having regard to the scope and content of the application.

External application for the use of patient records or other Uniting Health Care Hospitals data and resources: \$350 (+GST)

Initial application with partial industry sponsorship: \$600 (+GST)

Initial application with industry sponsorship for the cost of drugs: (\$350 + GST)

The fee income will be spent within the Research Ethics Office to defray, in part, the salary and operational costs associated with running the HREC. They may also be used to support HREC member participation in training and information seminars relevant to the review of trials of pharmaceuticals, and therapeutic goods and services.

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