

ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: Edmonton Zone Researchers

From: Northern Alberta Clinical Trials & Research Centre
AHS Health System Access, Health Evidence & Innovation

RE: NEW Simplified Process for AHS Data Approval via NACTRC for Edmonton Zone Researchers

Edmonton Zone researchers are now able to request Alberta Health Services (AHS) data and IT system access through a single unified process – the Northern Alberta Clinical Trials & Research Centre’s (NACTRC) Research Administration Application (ENCAPS).

The integration of AHS data approval and NACTRC administrative approval processes creates a single point of access for Edmonton Zone researchers to submit and monitor their research requests for approval and study initiation.

In addition to the increased convenience, the simplified process is expected to enhance efficiency in the review and processing of requests.

At this phase of implementation, the AHS Data Approval process will be initiated with the research teams uploading their protocol into ENCAPS and upon REB approval. We ask researchers to monitor their email inbox for instructions on how to submit the AHS Data Approval request.

This simplified submission process represents a critical step to provincially align, streamline and integrate Alberta’s health research administration. We wish to acknowledge the support of our partners at the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, Research Ethics Office, AHS Provincial Clinical Excellence, and AHS Information Technology.

If you identify any issues during this transition period or have questions and feedback, please contact Research.Administration@ahs.ca.

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