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Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)

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Presentation Outline

Strategy on Patient Oriented Research (SPOR)

- Overview

SPOR Streamlining Health Research Ethics Review Committee (SHRER)

- Membership
- Objectives
- Achievements
- Next Steps

Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research: SPOR

- **SPOR is a national coalition of federal, provincial and territorial partners dedicated to the integration of research into care.**

- **SPOR is about improving health outcomes and enhancing patient care through health research.**

- **One of SPOR's objectives is to strengthen organizational, regulatory, and financial support for multi-site studies.**

SPOR Streamlining Research Ethics Review External Advisory Committee

***Chair*:** Sharon Freitag (ON)

***Members*:**

- Laurel Evans (BC)
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SPOR Streamlining Research Ethics Review External Advisory Committee

Objective:

To assist the SPOR National Steering Committee with streamlining ethics review and improve the efficiency of patient-oriented research in Canada by:

1. Consolidating the existing knowledge on the barriers that currently exist across the country with respect to streamlining research ethics review and subsequently recommending steps to improve the process.
2. Identifying tools and strategies to improve the ethics review process of patient-oriented research.
3. Exploring opportunities for information sharing and communication among REBs.

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Key Deliverables

- **A Report containing recommendations to the SPOR National Steering Committee**
- **Commissioned study on common elements in research ethics application and consent forms**
- **A Consolidated Report on the existing streamlining initiatives of multi-centre clinical trials**

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SHRER Report Recommendations

Greater harmonization & standardization REBS:

- Establish a national strategic leadership forum
- Develop a system for evaluations and qualification of REBs and HRPP
- Develop a common set of metrics & benchmarks
- Encourage Tri-Agency funders to promote streamlining efforts
- Clarify & harmonize the roles of the REB within institutions

SHRER Report Recommendations

Tools & Strategies to Support Standardization & Harmonization

- Disseminate the SHRER Committee reports
- Develop a common template for a REB clinical trial application form & adult consent form
- Establish a national repository of resources to facilitate streamlining (database of REBs, forms, policies, etc.)

SHRER Report Recommendations

Communication & Consultation

- Disseminate the SHRER Committee reports
- Seek feedback from stakeholders
- Explore opportunities

- Application / Consent Form and Accreditation/Streamlining Reports can be found at http://www.acaho.org/?document&id=421

Other Influencing factors

Clinical Trials Summit (2011)

The Senate Standing Committee Report: *Canada's Clinical Trial Infrastructure: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines (2012)*

SHRER Report Recommendations

Establishment of the Canadian Clinical Trials Coordinating Centre

- National resource for the coordination, oversight & improvement of clinical trials
- Ethics review is one of the key priorities
- Will retain strong ties with SPOR
- Executive Director will be responsible to execute action plan
- CIHR, Rx&D, ACAHO – provide oversight/guidance

SHRER Report Recommendations

Ethics focus of the Canadian Clinical Trials Coordinating Center

- Main vehicle to implement the SPOR SHRER recommendations
- Establish a working group of relevant experts
- Implementation within SPOR infrastructure (e.g. SUPPORT Units)
- Coordinate with Health Canada & others to explore options for an accreditation system

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