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## **CALL FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES APPROVING HEALTH AND HEALTH RELATED RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Section 72 of the National Health Act (No. 61 of 2003) prescribes that the Minister of Health establishes the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC). The core responsibility of the NHREC among others is to:

- determine guidelines for the functioning of health research ethics committees;
- register and audit health research ethics committee and
- set norms and standards for conducting health research and animals, including norms and standards for conducting clinical trials.

Section 73 (1) of the National Health Act (No 61 of 2003) prescribe that all health research ethics committee must be registered with the NHREC in South Africa. The NHREC has among its mandates the registration, auditing and accreditation of Research Ethics Committees (RECs) in South Africa.

This is a call for all health Research Ethics Committees to register with the NHREC. Forms for the Registration are downloadable from the NHREC website:

<http://www.nhrec.org.za>

### **Forms should be returned to:**

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