

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ICMR GUIDELINES FOR COMMON ETHICS REVIEW OF  
MULTICENTRE RESEARCH**

Multicentre research collaborations offer opportunities to engage diverse scientific expertise to answer important research questions amongst wider population groups. Every biomedical and health research must be reviewed by an Ethics Committee before its conduct. At present in India, all centres are required to obtain approval from their respective ECs, which would consider the local needs and requirements of the population and safeguard the dignity, rights, safety and well-being of the participants. In order to streamline the review process and improve coordination in multicenter research, a process for common ethics review has been suggested in the ICMR National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants, 2017. Accordingly, ICMR Bioethics Unit has formulated the draft guidelines for Common Ethics Review of Multicentre Research after series of consultations with stakeholders. The guidance is intended to address a variety of issues related to common ethics review so that research can proceed expeditiously without compromising ethical principles and ensuring protection for human research participants. This method can be adopted as an option by ECs engaged in multicentre research.

ICMR invites feedback and comments on the draft ICMR guidelines for Common Ethics Review of Multicentre Research from stakeholders involved in multicentre research. It is requested that comments/feedback pertaining to the same may be conveyed positively by **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019** in the prescribed format by email to:

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