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## **DSRB-291223: Extension of Validity of 2023 Annual FCOI Declaration till 30 June 2024 and Adjustments to 2024/2025 Annual FCOI Declaration Cycle and Validity**

### **1. Validity Period of Submitted 2023 FCOI Declarations**

The validity period of the submitted 2023 Financial Conflicts of Interest (FCOI) Declarations (dated from 1 December 2022) will be **extended until 30 June 2024**, instead of expiring on 31 December 2023.

Hence, **if there are no changes to the FCOI declaration status**, then Principal Investigators (PIs) and study team members who are involved in the design, conduct or reporting of research **do not** need to submit new FCOI Declarations for 2024 until the start of the 2024 Annual FCOI Declaration Cycle.

However, **if there is a change to the FCOI declaration status**, then PIs and study team members are still required to submit an updated FCOI Declaration using the FCOI Declaration Form template (version 9.1), to the FCOI Secretariat at [DSRB\\_FCOI@nhg.com.sg](mailto:DSRB_FCOI@nhg.com.sg) **as possible but not later than 30 calendar days** following first knowledge of the FCOI.

### **2. Commencement of 2024/2025 Annual FCOI Declaration Cycle and Validity Period**

The 2024 Annual FCOI Declaration Cycle will **start from May 2024** after the new Ethics and Compliance Online System (ECOS) is launched. FCOI Declarations from 2024 onwards will be submitted using an electronic form in ECOS.

The validity period of the submitted 2024/2025 FCOI Declarations (dated from May 2024) will have a one-time extension till **31 December 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please contact the FCOI Secretariat at [DSRB\\_FCOI@nhg.com.sg](mailto:DSRB_FCOI@nhg.com.sg).