
Responsible Conduct of Research Manual

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Foreword

For the vast majority of those engaged in the research enterprise, upholding the professionalism and integrity of research is the operative principle. Scientists want to conduct carefully designed experiments, taking into consideration the ethics of human and animal subject protection, recording of proper data and reporting results in the literature and at conferences as accurately as possible in order to advance knowledge responsibly.

With the rising demand for more responsible conduct of research in Singapore, this manual has put together best practices from around the world and hopefully will be a useful guide and resource for researchers in NHG Health and our partner institutions. We hope this manual would enlighten our researchers on what constitutes responsible research: for example, in cases of research misconduct, how to report it, how institutions can deal with it, and how research intensive organisations can institute practices that would reduce the risk of both unintentional and deliberate research misconduct.

As part of the OHRPP's effort to promote the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) awareness within our research community, we have put together this manual so that you will be better equipped with knowledge about RCR, and be better prepared to deal with any integrity dilemma that you will invariably encounter in your daily research activities and research career. This manual will provide you with insights to the outlines of the overall governance of research, provides procedural guidelines for meeting ethical requirements in research, and offer guidance on key ethical issues in your professional life.

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