

## Research Update - July 2022

### Recent Publications

**Puchalski Ritchie LM**, Beza L, Debebe F, Wubetie A, Gamble K, Lebovic G, Straus SE, Zewdu T, Azazh A, Hunchak C, **Landes M**. Effect of a tailored sepsis treatment protocol on patient outcomes in the Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital, Ethiopia: results of an interrupted time series analysis. *Implementation Science*. 2022 Dec;17(1):1-4. doi: [10.1186/s13012-022-01221-8](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13012-022-01221-8)

Klein DE, **Lexchin J**. \$150M is not enough: Canada's proposed Purdue Pharma settlement for opioid damages is paltry and won't prevent future crises. *The Conversation* July 7, 2022. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/150m-is-not-enough-canadas-proposed-purdue-pharma-settlement-for-opioid-damages-is-paltry-and-wont-prevent-future-crises-186361>

**Lexchin J**. Sponsorship of Australian and New Zealand medical societies by healthcare companies: an observational study. *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine Open* 2022;13(7):1-6. doi: [10.1177/2054270422111243](https://doi.org/10.1177/2054270422111243)

### ED Project Learning Form

Our student learner form on our UHN EM Website is now available! If you have students looking for research or QI opportunities, please direct them to the form. We also had some students reach out regarding research opportunities. If you are looking for medical students to assist with your project, please email Konika.

Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaYL\\_ST9A3cpkoLwhPBFowBbuotiQXq0o1RB3KNL4v9jRFtg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaYL_ST9A3cpkoLwhPBFowBbuotiQXq0o1RB3KNL4v9jRFtg/viewform)

### Grant Information

NSERC 2023 Discovery Grant: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGPNotice-PSIGPAvis\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/DGIGPNotice-PSIGPAvis_eng.asp)

Deadline: Notice of Intent (NOI) form due by August 2, 2022, 8pm (ET)

2022 SSHRC Insight Grant: [https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight\\_grants-subventions\\_savoir-eng.aspx](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_grants-subventions_savoir-eng.aspx)

Deadline: October 1, 2022 (8pm Eastern)

## Upcoming Emergency Medicine Conferences & Meetings



1. [American College Emergency Physician \(ACEP\) 2022](#)  
October 1st - October 4th, 2022 in San Francisco.  
Registration now open
2. [European Society of Emergency Medicine Congress](#)  
October 15th - October 19th, 2022 in Berlin, Germany  
Registration now open
3. [6th African Conference on Emergency Medicine](#)  
November 16th - November 18th, 2022  
Abstracts due: June 30th, 2022

## FAQs regarding REB: What is Research?

### *Do I need REB review for my study?*

All research involving humans or confidential patient information within UHN requires approval of the UHN REB prior to the initiation of a research project. Investigators from other institutions who wish to carry out research on UHN premises or with UHN patients or patient data must also apply to the UHN REB.

### *What counts as research?*

The definition of research is outlined in the Tri-Council Policy Statement. In summary, research involving humans is considered to include any of the following:

- if the researcher will administer a drug, take a blood sample, do a test or perform any procedure, clinical, therapeutic, or otherwise, upon the person of himself/herself or someone else, for research rather than treatment
- if the researcher will ask people information whether by telephone, letter, survey, questionnaire or interview
- if the researcher will review information from patient charts (even their own patients' charts) for research rather than clinical purposes
- if the researcher will use material derived from people (tissue samples, blood, DNA)
- if the researcher will be using non-public records (e.g. not the telephone book) which contain identifying information about anyone either directly or indirectly
- if the researcher will use information previously gathered about anyone, even if anonymized (secondary data analysis)
- if the researcher will be observing anyone's responses or behaviour, either directly or indirectly

### *What does not count as research?*

- Research involving only the use of published or publicly available information or materials
- Assessment activities such as quality assessment studies, performance reviews, or testing within normal educational requirements do not generally require REB review and approval

If you cannot determine whether an intended investigation constitutes research, contact the Chair of the REB or an Ethics Coordinator for assistance.

\*Speak to Jennifer or Konika for guidance on how to navigate this process.