

## Research Update - May 2022



### Emergency Medicine Research

#### Recent Publications:

**Lexchin J.** Sponsorship of Canadian Professional Medical Societies by Drug, Medical Device and Medical Technology Companies: a Cross-sectional Study. *J GEN INTERN MED* (2022). doi: [10.1007/s11606-022-07623-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-022-07623-0)

**Lexchin J.** Medical societies and health-care companies may be too close for comfort. *The Conversation* May 12, 2022. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/medical-societies-and-health-care-companies-may-be-too-close-for-comfort-182927>

**Lexchin J.** After More Than 50 Years, Pharmacare (and Dental Care) are Coming to Canada. *Int J Health Serv.* 2022 May 9:207314221100654. doi: [10.1177/00207314221100654](https://doi.org/10.1177/00207314221100654). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35535406.

**Lexchin J.** Use of priority and provisional approval pathways by the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration in approving new medicines: a cross-sectional study. *Aust Health Rev.* 2022 May 5. doi: [10.1071/AH22008](https://doi.org/10.1071/AH22008). Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35508423.

## Upcoming Emergency Medicine Conferences & Meetings:



1. [CAEP 2022 Conference](#)  
**May 29th – June 1st, 2022 in Quebec City, QC.**
2. [21st International Conference on Emergency Medicine](#)  
**June 14 – June 19, 2022 in Melbourne (Australia).**
3. [American College Emergency Physician \(ACEP\) 2022](#)  
**October 1st – October 4th, 2022 in San Francisco.**  
Registration opens June 1, 2022
4. [European Society of Emergency Medicine Congress](#)  
**October 15th – October 19th, 2022 in Berlin, Germany**  
Registration now open
5. [6th African Conference on Emergency Medicine](#)  
**November 16th – November 18th, 2022**  
Abstracts due: June 30th, 2022

## **FAQ 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