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CANCER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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The HREBA Cancer Committee (CC) is constituted and operates in accordance with the:

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- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2);
- Alberta Health Information Act (HIA);
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Guidelines of the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH);
- Health Canada's *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR), Part C, Division 5.

The committee is registered with the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), IRB # 00009687.

The HREBA-CC is one of three committees which comprise the HIA-designated Health Research Ethics Board of Alberta. Since the three committees operate as one Research Ethics Board, members from one committee may attend another committee's meeting when their expertise is required. This ensures that members in attendance have the specific expertise, relevant competence, and knowledge necessary to provide an adequate research ethics review of the proposals under consideration. Additionally, to maintain continuity in committee activities, one committee chair or vice chair may be invited to chair or co-chair another committees' meeting as needed.

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