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Name	Board	TCPS 2 Roles & Specialties	City
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Brenda Davis, LLM, PhD	Cancer Committee Clinical Trials Committee	Privacy / Law	Edmonton
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Desiree Hao, MD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Medical Oncology)	Calgary
Joanne Hewitt, PhD	Cancer Committee (Vice Chair)	Scientific (Advanced Practice Nursing)	St. Albert
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Megan Hogendoorn, JD	Community Health Committee (Vice Chair)	Law	Edmonton
Yume Kobayashi, BScN	Clinical Trials Committee	Scientific (Nursing)	Edmonton
Debbie Mallett	Clinical Trials Committee	Community Member	Edmonton
Mary Marshall, LLM	Cancer Committee	Privacy / Law	Edmonton
Chris McTavish, PhD	Cancer Committee	Ethics	Edmonton
Albert Mehl, MD	Clinical Trials Committee	Scientific (Pediatrics)	Turner Valley
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Terilyn Pott	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Psychology)	Edmonton
Azadeh Nikoo Rajaee, MD, MHE, FRCSC	Clinical Trials Committee	Scientific (General Surgery)	Edmonton
Gloria Roldán Urgoiti, MD	Cancer Committee (Vice Chair)	Scientific (Medical Oncology)	Calgary
James Sanders, PhD	Community Health Committee	Scientific Methodologist	Lethbridge
Fiona Schulte, PhD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology)	Calgary
Christopher Sikora, MD	Community Health Committee	Scientific (Physician)	Edmonton
Vivian Simpkin, BA, LLB	Cancer Committee	Law	Edmonton
Ross Smillie, BSc, MDiv, MA Theology and Ethics	Community Health Committee	Community Member	Red Deer
Michael Smylie, MD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Medical Oncology)	Edmonton
Melisa Spaling, CCRP, MEd	Clinical Trials Committee	Community Member	Edmonton
Gordon Sustrik, LLB, KC	Cancer Committee	Law	Edmonton
Keith Tankel, MD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Radiation Oncology)	Edmonton
Yoko Tarumi, MD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Oncology)	Edmonton
Nora Turenne	Cancer Committee	Community Member (Indigenous Representative)	Edmonton
M. Joan Turner, PhD	Clinical Trials Committee	Scientific (Oncology, DNA repair/ Genetics, Radiation Biology)	Edmonton
Nazrina Umarji, BEd, JD	Clinical Trials Committee	Law/Privacy	Edmonton
Raul Urtasun, MD	Cancer Committee (Vice Chair)	Scientific (Radiation Oncology)	Edmonton
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Jackson Wu, MD	Cancer Committee (Vice Chair)	Scientific (Radiation Oncology)	Calgary
Sharlene Yanitski BA, LLB	Clinical Trials Committee	Community Member	Edmonton
Philip Zachariah BA, JD	Clinical Trials Committee	Law	Calgary
Xiaofu Zhu, MD	Cancer Committee	Scientific (Medical Oncology)	Edmonton

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The majority of the members are Canadian citizens or permanent residents under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. HREBA is constituted and operates in accordance with the Alberta Health Information Act (HIA), the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2), Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Guidelines of the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH), Health Canada's Food and Drug Regulations (FDR), Part C, Division 5 and is registered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) where required.

Members named as Principal Investigators or Co-investigators on a study that is under review do not participate in discussions related to, nor vote on, such studies when they are presented; this applies to initial and continuing reviews.

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