

Research Proposals to the provincial Research Ethics Board

*The Nova Scotia District Health Authorities Multisite Research Ethics Board (MREB) has the authority and resources to review research protocols that will be conducted in two or more district health authorities (DHAs). Board membership includes representatives from each district who meet via video conference on a monthly basis. Single-site research projects affecting the **Cumberland Health Authority** will also be reviewed by the MREB. The MREB is a paperless enterprise and the ROMEO database is the platform for on-line submissions to complete the research ethics review process.*

The goals of the MREB are to:

- 1. Meet the requirements of the Tri-Council Policy Statement Guidelines, ICH-GCP Guidelines, and Health Canada Division 5 Food and Drug Regulations which protect the safety and well being of research participants;*
- 2. Reduce review timelines and simultaneously maintain a high quality research ethics review;*
- 3. Increase the capacity throughout the province to conduct health research of all kinds;*
- 4. Attract and retain health professionals interested in research throughout the province;*
- 5. Create a competitive research environment that attracts research to Nova Scotia.*

*The Researcher's Portal is available through the Login at the following URL
<https://mreb.researchservicesoffice.com/ROMEO.Researcher>*

If you are a first time user of the Researcher's Portal, you must click the 'register' button to create an account. Your username should be your primary email address. Once you have registered, you will receive an automatic email with instructions on setting up your password.

If you are the principal investigator and you do not have an affiliation with a DHA, you must have a Supervising Investigator who has a DHA affiliation.