

**Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot**

**(Ph.D. Section)**

**Composition of Institutional Ethical committee (IEC) for Ph.D candidate**

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**(For all the faculties of Medical/Dental/ Nursing/Physiotherapy Sciences)**

As per the orders of competent authority, in **order to streamline & improve the Research work**, the **guidelines issued by Indian Council of Medical Research** are being adopted. As per ICMR all proposals on biomedical research involving human participants should be cleared by an appropriately constituted Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC), also referred to as Institutional Review Board (IRB). The composition of Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC) as per ICMR is as follows:-

The IECs should be multidisciplinary and multisectorial in composition. Independence and complete are the two hallmarks of an IEC. The **number of persons in an ethics committee should be kept fairly small (8-12 members)**. It is generally accepted that a **minimum of five persons** is required to form the quorum without which a decision regarding the research should not be taken. **The IEC should appoint from among its members a Chairman who should be from outside the Institution and not head of the same Institution to maintain the independence of the Committee.** The Member secretary should be from the same Institution and should conduct the business of the committee. Other members should be mix of medical/non-medical, scientific and non-scientific persons including lay persons to represent the differed points of view. The Compositions may be as follows:-

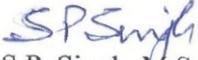
1. Chairperson
2. One-two persons from basic medical science area
3. One-two clinicians from various Institutes
4. One legal expert or retired judge
5. One social scientist/ representative of non-governmental voluntary agency
6. One philosopher/ethicist/theologian
7. One lay person from community
8. Member secretary

As per revised schedule Y of **drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, amended in 2005**, the ethics committee approving drug trial should have in the quorum at least one representative from the following groups:

1. One basic Medical Scientist (preferably one pharmacologist).
2. One clinician
3. One legal expert or retired Judge
4. One Philosopher/ social scientist/representative of non-governmental organization/ ethicist/theologian or a similar person
5. One lay person from community

The Ethics Committee (EC) can have as its members. Individuals from other Institutions or communities with adequate representation of age and gender to safeguard the interest and welfare of all sections of community/society. If required, subject expert could be invited to offer views, for instance, a pediatrician for pediatric conditions, a cardiologist for cardiac disorders etc. Similarly, based on requirement of research area, for example HIV, genetic disorders etc. It is desirable to include members from specific patients groups in the Committee.

Principals of all Colleges (Chairman RDC for Ph.D students) are requested to strictly adhere to the guidelines given above.

  
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