

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET  
HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS REVIEW TRANSITION TO CHIPER**

Dear Participant,

This document contains important information about changes in health research ethics reviews that have happened in Manitoba. Please keep this Participant Information Sheet with your original informed consent form for your records.

**What is RITHIM?**

Research Improvements Through Harmonization in Manitoba (RITHIM) is a new provincial program developed to create a more efficient process for health research approvals in Manitoba.

**What is CHIPER?**

RITHIM has established the Committee for Harmonized Health Impact, Privacy, and Ethics Review (CHIPER) as the Research Ethics Board for reviewing all health research applications in Manitoba.

A research ethics board (REB) is an independent committee made up of medical and non-medical members, such as physicians, statisticians, and community advocates. It ensures that research projects are ethical and that the rights of research participants are protected.

You are receiving this Participant Information Sheet because the ongoing ethical review of the project you are participating in has transitioned to CHIPER.

**What Changes for Me?**

**1. Research Ethics Board Contact Information**

Now, if you have questions about your rights as a research participant or about ethical issues related to a research project, please contact CHIPER using the information below.

RITHIM Program Officer  
CHIPER Research Ethics Board  
Telephone Number: 204-775-1096 / 1-866-248-4375 (toll-free)  
E-mail: [CHIPER@researchmb.ca](mailto:CHIPER@researchmb.ca)

**2. Confidentiality Terms**

In addition to the other organizations already listed in your informed consent form, authorized representatives of CHIPER may inspect and/or receive copies of your research and/or medical records, for quality assurance purposes.

All the other statements made in your original informed consent form about how your personal information will be used, kept confidential and how your privacy will be protected still apply.