

Research, Ethics and Pitfalls for New Researchers

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Research and Ethics

- National Health and Medical Research Council's *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*.

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Ethical responsibilities

- The participant
 - Trust in the researcher
 - Altruistic
- The researcher
 - Respect
 - Research merit and integrity
 - Justice
 - Beneficence

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Human Research

- Taking part in surveys, interviews or focus groups
- Undergoing psychological, physiological or medical testing or treatment
- Being observed by researchers
- Researchers having access to personal documents or other materials of humans
- The collection and use of body organs, tissues or fluids or their exhaled breath
- Access to their information (in individually identifiable, re-identifiable or non-identifiable form) as part of an existing published or unpublished source or database.

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Research

- Idea
- Sustaining the idea
 - Hard slog to get the design right
 - Gatekeepers (or are they co-participants)
 - You as the outsider
 - You as the insider
 - Developing and using networks

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Ethics

- Get to know the chairperson of the committee
- Ask them questions rather than waiting for them to ask you
- Testing the boundaries
- Expect delays
- Any changes - must go back to the committee - audits
- Journals will not publish

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Doing the research

- Be prepared to be flexible
- Keep your research question and objectives in front of you
- Keep a diary
- Timelines
- Safeguard your data
- Quality checks
- Team work
- Budgets

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Analysis

- Attention to detail
- Go back to the literature
- Secondary analysis

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Writing up

- Research not published is research not finished.
- PhD by publication
- Handing back to your participants
- Presenting at conferences/workshops
- Media
- Publications in the RQF

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Moving on

- Post doc work
- Mentoring
- Doorways

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