



Epworth HealthCare Human Research Ethics Committee Fee Structure is in line with those fees charged by other similar HREC's in Victoria. The National Statement indicates:

"Institutions that individually or jointly establish Human Research Ethics Committees should adequately resource and main them. Resourcing should be sufficient to enable HREC's:

- *To satisfy the requirements for sound ethical review;*
- *To communicate well with researchers;*
- *Not to charge fees where doing so would discourage research the institution has an obligation to support."*

(Section 5.126, the National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2007)

Research fees are paid into a designated account and are used to offset the costs associated with the administration and resourcing of the Research and Ethics Committee and other associated functions of its Secretariat.

The payment of fees will not compromise the integrity of the process of ethical review of the monitoring of approved research. It should be noted that higher fees will not be charged for expedited review.

Requests for fee waiver will not be considered.

All fees are required to be paid on submission.

Contact the HREC Coordinator for further information

Review of Fees:

The Fee Schedule and payment process will be reviewed every 12 months.

Current fee schedule for full ethical review studies (as at February 2009)

	Fees for Epworth HealthCare (single site)	Fees for Epworth HealthCare (multi site)
New submissions – full funded including commercial funding, grants etc	\$4,500 + gst	\$5,000 + gst
New submissions – partially funded including commercial funding, grants etc	\$3,500 + gst	\$4,500 + gst
Internal applications – unfunded	Nil	Nil
External applications – unfunded	\$2,500 + gst	\$2,500 + gst
Student Researchers – Internal	Nil	Nil
Sponsor initiated amendments	\$1,000 + gst	\$1,000 + gst

Current Fee Schedule for Quality Assurance, Low Risk & Negligible Risk Reviews (as at December 2009)

<p>New project submissions – externally initiated by non Epworth HealthCare investigators, including where some internal Epworth HealthCare staff are listed as associate investigators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including quality assurance, low risk & negligible risk projects 	<p>QA Projects - Nil</p> <p>Low Risk & Negligible Risk Projects: \$250 - \$1,000 plus GST</p>
<p>New project submissions – internal investigator initiated projects, including Epworth HealthCare and affiliated University staff projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new applications including QA, Low & Negligible Risk type projects 	<p>Nil</p>