

What is Bellberry?

Bellberry Limited is a national, private Not-For-Profit organisation providing streamlined scientific and ethical review of human research projects across Australia.

Our aim is to promote and improve the welfare of research participants, and the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of research. Bellberry donates surplus funds back into the research community.

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About Bellberry HRECs

NHMRC certified, and recognised in the McKeon review as a Best Practice example, Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) are professionally managed and operate 24/7 through a dedicated electronic portal providing a paperless and secure HREC process.

We currently run 12 HRECs who each meet once a month on a Wednesday evening. Medical/science members, per National Statement 5.1.30 (c) & (f), rotate through the committees depending on the meeting agenda and the type of expertise required. There is no requirement to attend a regular meeting, and attendance is based on Bellberry need and member's availability. Bellberry HREC members are paid.

Proposals are available to review 12 calendar days prior to a meeting. Post meeting matters are required to be dealt with promptly within a 48 hour period.

Our online software program enables members to access all relevant documents and investigator and committee correspondence via the web. Interstate members join meetings via teleconference.

Meetings commence at 6.15pm and generally finish anywhere between 8.30pm and 10.30pm depending on the number of studies reviewed and their complexity.

Bellberry supports the education and professional development of HREC members. Initial induction training is provided to all new HREC members. On-going education is provided with access to internal events and support for attendance at external events.

Becoming a Medical/Science HREC Member

Knowledge and experience favourably considered:

- Knowledge and understanding of scientific and methodological requirements of research projects
- Recent or current involvement in conducting research, particularly clinical trials relating to drugs or devices, epidemiology or behavioural/social science research
- Knowledge and understanding of the National Statement
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant national and international documents/guidelines relating to clinical research, eg TGA, GMP, EMA, FDA (medical members)
- Understanding of the TGA and how it relates to clinical research (medical members)
- Relevant clinical experience and formal qualification/s to practice in Australia (medical members)
- The ability to communicate well, including the capacity to listen to and appreciate the views of others, to formulate and express a considered opinion
- Sound ICT skills.

Please contact us if you would like further information about Bellberry and our services.

Alternatively, please email your CV, including details of any current or recent research experience for consideration.

Following confidential review by our Chairs and Management team we will contact you to discuss your interest.

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