

Constitution Institutional Ethics Committee:

1. The accredited hospital should have an Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) which is multidisciplinary and multi-sectorial in composition. The Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) shall review all ethical aspects of the project proposals received by it from DNB trainees in an objective manner & shall provide advice to researchers on all aspects of the welfare and safety of all the concerned after ensuring the scientific soundness of the proposed research through appropriate Scientific Review Committee.
2. The accredited hospital / institute is required to have an Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) as per Biomedical Research Guidelines of ICMR. It should be registered with the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).
3. 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 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 a mix of medical/non-medical, scientific and non-scientific persons including lay persons to represent the differed points of view. The composition may be as follows:
 - Chairperson
 - One - two persons from basic medical science area
 - One - two clinicians from various Institutes
 - One legal expert or retired judge
 - One social scientist/ representative of non-governmental voluntary agency
 - One philosopher/ ethicist/ theologian
 - One lay person from the community
 - Member Secretary
4. In case the institution does not have an Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) registered with DCGI, the accredited hospital may tie up with a nearby institution to utilise its DCGI registered IEC. A Memorandum of Understanding in this regard shall be required to be submitted to Accreditation Department of NBE.