

Project Title	Compare and contrast legislative frameworks for consent for clinical research involving patients who cannot consent for themselves.
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Lead discipline (please select one)

Health Ethics and Law

Allied Health

Medicine

Pre-clinical

Health Economics

Biostatistics

Value-based Healthcare

Epidemiology

Outline of the project

This project will review the legal frameworks that are relevant to the conduct of clinical research involving people who cannot consent for themselves. The project will review the relevant legislation in each Australian jurisdiction and provide a doctrinal analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of each with respect to:

- The National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research;
- Relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ethics guidance;
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Bioethics;
- ACT Human Rights legislation; and
- other relevant frameworks that inform the legal and ethical conduct of human research.

Proposed research methods

Mixed methods based on legal doctrinal analysis, literature review, and stakeholder focus groups.

Preferred study discipline being undertaken by the student

Law preferred but any medical related course with a student who is interested in the ethical conduct of clinical research.

Potential benefits to the student and to the department

This project would result in an invaluable document for the foundation of future policy

recommendations.

This project may lead to recommendations for legislative amendments.

The outcomes from this project are likely to result in publications.

Department within ACT Health Directorate / Canberra Health Services where the student will be based

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