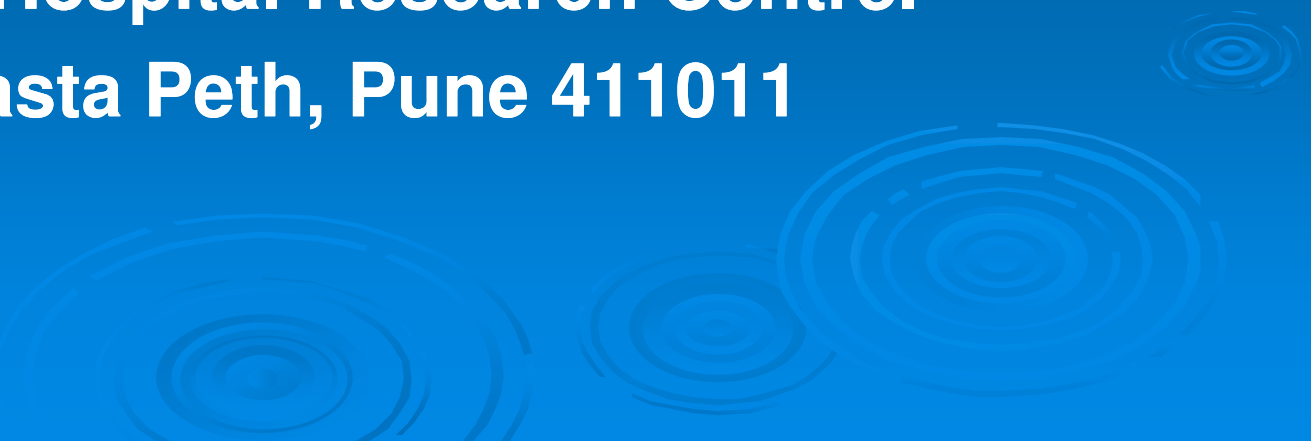


The challenge of capacity building in Ethics committees: myth or reality?

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Do we need this in the first place???

- Hub for Clinical trials
- Springing up of ECs
- How do they function?

Three essentials to meet challenge

- Availability of Standard / Acceptable set of guidelines.
- Establishment of a Centralized Administrative set up
- Assured Human Resources Development.

Standard / Acceptable set of guidelines

- Central agency like DCGI or ICMR
- Periodic updates of guidelines
 - Stem cells, organ transplants

Centralized Administration

- Registration of all existing ECs
- Consider periodic renewal / grading
- Audits/ Monitoring before grading
- Communication/ Newsletter
- As a forum for discussing perplexing issues, seeking guidelines.

Human Resources Development

- Conduct workshops
 - GCP, GLP, Data management
- Arrange seminars and workshops
 - Current topics, difficulties faced by ECs
- Carrying out audits / sensitize the members
- All ECs work on the same frequency.