



# INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE (IEC)

Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.  
Established on 06<sup>th</sup> January 1987

**IEC-I:** Related to Clinical trial, bioavailability and bioequivalence and academic clinical trial as per NDCT Rule 2019, Registered with CLA: ECR/229/Inst./MH/2013/RR-24, Valid from 22/04/2024 to 21/04/2029 & with DHR: EC/NEW/INST/2021/MH/0008 Accredited by NABH: Certificate No. EC-CT-2018-0027, Valid from May 19, 2024 to May 18, 2027.

**IEC-II:** Related to Biomedical health research as per NDCT Rule 2019; Registered with DHR: EC/NEW/INST/2021/MH/0002.

**IEC-III:** Related to Biomedical health research as per NDCT Rule 2019; Registered with DHR: EC/NEW/INST/2021/MH/0003.

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Dear Investigators / Coordinators,

We wish to kindly bring to your notice that the regulations governing clinical research have become stringent and time bound day by day.

Our IECs are registered with CDSCO (IEC-I), DHR (IEC-I, IEC-II & III) & accredited by NABH (IEC-I). This has intensely influenced the administration of the IEC, which works with not only investigators and IEC members but also with the DCG(I) office, NABH office, DHR office etc.

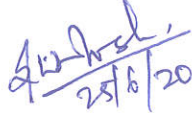
The IEC-I faces NABH assessment every year, recently faced 2 days surprise inspection by the DCGI inspectors too.

In its IEC-I full board meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026, the IEC-I has noted that investigators and sponsors often fail to pay initial protocol review processing fees at the time of registration and subsequently refuse to make payment if the protocol is terminated or withdrawn. Please note, the IEC's entire expenditure, including staff salaries, is covered by these processing fees only.

Therefore, effective immediately, the IEC will strictly not review any projects without initial protocol review processing fees.

Please comply with IEC SOPsV7.1 dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

  
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