# **REB EXCHANGE**

SIMPLIFIED MULTI-SITE ETHICS APPLICATION

### What is REB Exchange?

The REB Exchange (REBX) facilitates multi-site health research in Alberta by simplifying all aspects of ethics board applications and processes. It's a simple, easy-to-use tool within the usual application software.



## Streamlined process

It's just one step within your usual ethics application to add participating sites to your research.



# Efficient administration

Centralized documentation and communication saves time and promotes collaboration.



# Easy-to-use integrated tool

One full application to the REB; short, simplified applications for participating sites.

### Who uses REB Exchange?

Health researchers who apply for ethics review for multi-site studies can use REBX to streamline collaboration with study sites. Researchers can focus less time on administration and more time on collaborative research.



#### **Lead Site**

Once a study receives ethics approval, the researcher can use REBX to add a pSite at any time. Once a pSite is added, the original study becomes the Lead Site.



#### Participating Site (pSite)

Participating Sites will no longer be required to submit an entire ethics application. With REBX, pSites will only be required to submit documents specific to their site.



#### **Sponsors**

Sponsors benefit from faster startup times for pSites, streamlined collaboration and reporting, one Board of Record per study, and simplified deployment of protocol modifications across the study.













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