

2026 REBA Harmonization and Education Event

June 4, 2026 | 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. PT | Virtual

Ethics in transition: Adaptive approaches to innovation, inclusion, and accountability

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:15	Indigenous welcome and opening	Elder Kelly White White Owl Clan, Snuneymuxw Nation, BC
10:15-10:25	Opening remarks	Alison Orth Director, Clinical Trials British Columbia
10:25-10:30	Interactive activity via Slido	Rishi Sahni Education & Events Coordinator, Clinical Trials British Columbia
		Kaila Bonnycastle Coordinator, Clinical Trials British Columbia
10:30-11:00	Session 1: Research ethics — Call for leadership and collective action	Asma-na-hi Antoine Toquaht Nation Director, Indigenous Research, UBC Indigenous Advisor, Michael Smith Health Research BC Chair, Strategic Action Group for research ethics
11:00-11:20	Session 2: BC Common Clinical Informed Consent Form Template project update	Sara O'Shaughnessy Manager, Research Ethics and Compliance, Fraser Health
		Karen Medler Research Ethics Coordinator, Island Health
11:20-11:40	Session 3: Equipping reviewers for assessing vulnerable populations in ethics applications	Jim Mann, LL.D. Researcher, educator, and speaker
11:40-12:00	Session 4: Research Approvals Processes Project Overview & Update	Julia McFarlane Director of Research, BC Ministry of Health
12:00-12:25	Session 5: Ask Me Anything (AMA): Ask a REBA expert	Facilitator: Dorothy Herbert Research Ethics Board, Interior Health

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1:00-2:00	Session 6: Panel discussion: Lifecycle of a research study – Ethics perspective	<p>Mypinder Sekhon, MD Intensivist & Clinical Associate Professor at UBC</p> <p>Nathan Lachowsky, PhD Dean & Professor, Faculty of Human and Health Sciences, UNBC</p> <p>Kaylee Byers, PhD Assistant Professor, School of Population and Public Health, UBC Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University</p>
2:00-3:00	Session 7: Panel discussion: Artificial intelligence (AI) and research ethics	<p>Jean-Christophe Bélisle-Pipon, PhD Assistant Professor, SFU</p> <p>Diane Gutiw, PhD Vice President, AI Research and Strategic Advisory, CGI</p>
3:00-3:15	Session 8: Harmonization Network SharePoint site demonstration	<p>Hanna Jones-Eriksson Manager, Research Ethics, Clinical Trials British Columbia</p>
3:15-3:30	Closing reflections	<p>Jessica Chu Facilitator, Research Ethics, Clinical Trials British Columbia</p>

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