

Research Advisory Group – Māori (RAG-M)

INFORMATION BOOKLET
AND GUIDELINES



Ma tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai
By joining together we will succeed



BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Māori Partnership Board (MPB) identified a gap in Māori consultation and advice to researchers in the CCDHB district; RAG-M was established as a sub-committee of the Māori Partnership Board (MPB) to provide a more effective engagement point for researchers requiring Māori advice and input.

The sub-committee members are representatives of the MPB (the Māori iwi relationship board for CCDHB - mana whenua are Te Atiawa, Ngati Toa and Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai) and independent researchers.

PURPOSE

The purpose of RAG-M is threefold:

- to provide a pathway for researchers to have their research proposals considered from a Māori perspective
- to support more robust information on eliminating ethnic inequities
- to increase Māori participation in research and reduce culturally unsafe practices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All research proposals will be treated in confidence.

RAG-M reports quarterly to the MPB and provides an update of RAG-M responses to proposals submitted.

RAG-M encourages Māori participation in a safe and appropriate environment for the purpose of improving the health status of Māori.

RAG-M is guided by the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – partnership, participation and protection.



RAG-M GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCHERS

1. Using the RAG-M checklist as a guide, all researchers should email all required documentation or queries to ragm@ccdhb.org.nz
2. A research consultation fee of \$250 (excl. GST) is required for all applications. Please read the instructions on our website regarding payment and ensure you include the appropriate form(s) with your emailed documentation. This should be provided before your application can be processed for review.
3. It is highly recommended that researchers and their team attend the CCDHB Tikanga Māori – research specific training to support RAG-M proposals, when these sessions are available.
4. RAG-M will review proposals and a formal notification will be sent to the researcher via email. Any research proposals not endorsed may be resubmitted once at no extra cost.
5. Researchers are expected to engage and work with relevant members of the Māori community to ensure their proposed research is culturally safe, relevant, and appropriate for Māori.
6. Researchers are required to provide a report describing the progress and/or findings of their research in practice.
7. RAG-M will consider research proposals against the principles of the following documents:
 - Taurite Ora – CCDHB Māori Health Strategy 2018-2030
 - The CCDHB Research Policy Document ID: 1.1933
 - Simmonds, S. (2015). *A Framework for Māori Review of Research in District Health Boards*. Auckland and Waitematā District Health Boards and Capital and Coast District Health Board. Wellington, New Zealand.
 - Reid, P., Paine, S., Curtis, E., Jones, R., Anderson, A., Willing, E. & Harwood, M. (2017). Achieving health equity in Aotearoa: Strengthening responsiveness to Māori in health research. *New Zealand Medical Journal* 130(1465), ISSN 1175-8716.



RAG-M APPLICATION PROCESS

