

INTERIM RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP – MĀORI (IRAG-M)

INFORMATION BOOKLET
AND GUIDELINES



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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.

With the recent disestablishment of District Health Boards on 1st July 2022, DHB committees and sub-committees such as the Research Advisory Group – Māori (RAG-M) are no longer operational. We are awaiting appointment of the new iwi-Māori partnership Boards which is anticipated to take place in 2023. Until then, Māori endorsement of research projects is still required for locality approval and we will be contracting with individual providers for this service. This group is known as the Interim Research Advisory Group – Māori (IRAG-M).

PURPOSE

The purpose of IRAG-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.

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

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

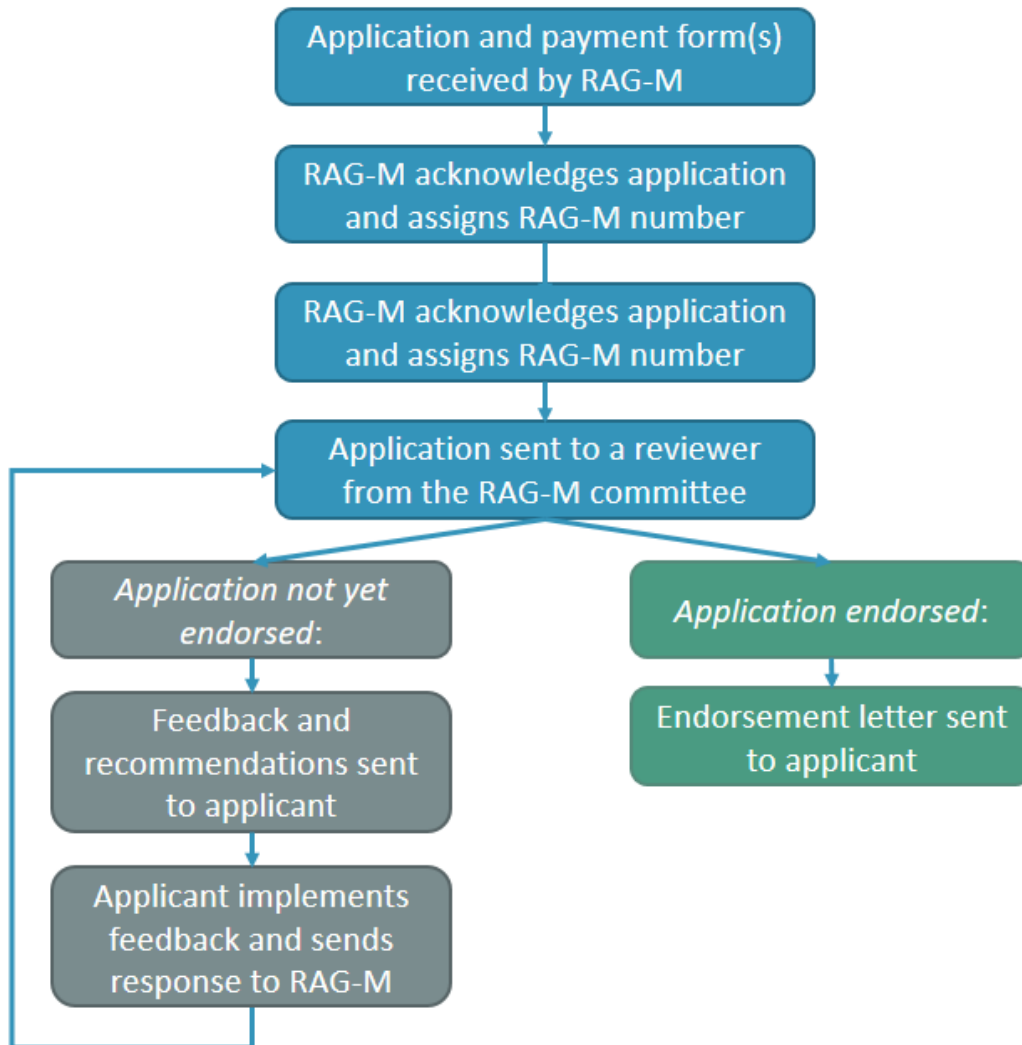


IRAG-M GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCHERS

1. Using the IRAG-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 Tikanga Māori – research specific training to support IRAG-M proposals, when these sessions are available.
4. IRAG-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. IRAG-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



TIKANGA MĀORI - RESEARCH SPECIFIC EDUCATION

Bookings: All CCDHB staff are required to book through ConnectMe, while external researchers can book via RES-Tikanga@ccdhb.org.nz, **when these sessions become available**.

Tikanga Māori-research specific attendees will receive an overview of tikanga Māori practices in a clinical setting and culturally responsive research practices. The core function of the Research Advisory Group-Māori (RAG-M) will be discussed along with information about Whānau Care Services. CCDHB researchers are encouraged to undertake this education to support RAG-M applications.

Each attendee will receive a handy, pocket sized flipchart booklet - 'Tikanga Māori, A Guide for Health Care Workers'. The guidelines in the booklet are a snapshot of culturally responsive goals and processes for staff to consider during delivery of health & disability services. They are supplementary to the Code of Health & Disability Services Consumers' Rights.

It is highly recommended that ALL researchers (and their team) attend the CCDHB tikanga Māori-research specific training to support RAG-M applications. Please email RES-Tikanga@ccdhb.org.nz for further details.

