

### **Expanded External View Access to the IRISS System**

To assist researchers whose studies, in addition to ethics review, also require approvals from Alberta Health Services (AHS) or Covenant Health, the Health Research Ethics Board of Alberta (HREBA) at Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS) is providing AHS and Covenant Health with expanded access to the IRISS system.

Through this expansion, AHS and Covenant Health designates will now have the ability to view all sections of the ethics application, as well as documents approved by HREBA. AHS and Covenant Health designates will also receive notifications of initial submissions, modifications, renewals or expiries. This new agreement will streamline processes and eliminate duplications, resulting in greater efficiencies.

It is important that ethics applications be carefully completed and that all supporting documents are attached in the proper sections. Otherwise, HREBA administrators may return applications.

If you have questions about the External View Access, completion of the application, or the attachment of documents, please contact the HREBA Research Ethics Office at 780-423-5727 or [info@hreba.ca](mailto:info@hreba.ca).

Questions about AHS approvals should be directed to Cindy Gerdes, Sr. Consultant Research Operations, Alberta Health Services ([cindy.gerdes@ahs.ca](mailto:cindy.gerdes@ahs.ca)).

Questions about Covenant Health approvals should be directed to Mary-Ann Clarkes, Manager, Covenant Health Research Centre ([mary-ann.clarkes@covenanthealth.ca](mailto:mary-ann.clarkes@covenanthealth.ca)).