



Definition of “health-related research”:

Section 73(2) of the National Health Act 61 of 2003 reads as follows:

(2) A health research ethics committee must –

- (a) review research proposals and protocols in order to ensure that research conducted by the relevant institution, agency or establishment will promote health, contribute to the prevention of communicable or non-communicable diseases or disability or result in cures for communicable or non-communicable
- (b) grant approval for research by the relevant institution, agency or establishment in instances where research proposals and protocol meet the ethical standards of that health research ethics committee.

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“Health research” is defined in section 1 of the Act to mean:

any research which contributes to knowledge of-

- (a) the biological, clinical, psychological or social processes in human beings;
- (b) improved methods for the provision of health services;
- (c) human pathology;
- (d) causes of the disease;
- (e) the effects of the environment on the human body;
- (f) the development or new application of pharmaceuticals, medicines and
- (g) the development of new applications of health technology.

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