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Dear Heads of Department, Directors of Research Units, Chairpersons of DRCs and Researchers

RE: URGENT MEMORANDUM FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE REGARDING MINISTERIAL CONSENT FOR NON-THERAPEUTIC HEALTH RESEARCH WITH MINORS: OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR 2015

The Minister of Health, Dr A Motsoaledi, has delegated the power to consent for research or experimentation to be conducted with a minor for a non-therapeutic purpose as prescribed by Section 71(3)(A)(II) of the National Health Act No.61 of 2003 to Health Research Ethics Committees registered with the National Research Ethics Council.

Please find attached guidelines for devolved ministerial consent for non-therapeutic research with minors to the HREC.

Please note that unless all the contents are taken into consideration the HREC will not be able to review applications for research involving minors.

In addition, **Form A** included in the Guidelines must be completed and attached with your ethics applications when submitting to the FHS HREC.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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