

What can make REC function better.

Two levels:

Administrative, academic and policy levels:

At policy

- Lack of real support from political authorities
- National policies
- Accreditation: impact on motivation and on operation (where so many committees in place). Continues professional training
- Clear and respectful cooperation in international research. (Diversity in SOP and approaches to optimize the cooperation in multicenter studies (the mildest if only one committee by country). The power to stop the research by one country
- For profit or voluntary:
 - more productive for profit
 - conflict of interest

Administrative

- Payment of the members and the committee
 - Separating the result from the ethical review from the source of the funding
 - Fees for administrative activities of committee
 - Alternative incentives to money
 - Transport allowance
 - Protected time
 - Professional recognition
 - Problem of committee surviving according to protocols submitted
 - Is ethical to be paid for ethical review?
- SOP
- Oversight:
- Lack of human and financial resources
- Define the methodology and criteria how to operationalize it
 - (Only paper review? Checking the reports and their coherence with the proposal? How to achieve a real measure of appropriateness of research)
- Asking help for external auditors and supported by MOH

ACADEMIC

- Freedom of all parties to express ethical concerns. Need to improve personal responsibility
- Conflict of interest as researcher and physician at the same time (dependence, etc)
- Voluntary but criteria to be included: qualifications, motivations.
- Community-gov-individual responsibility: not for all countries where community does not demand.
- WHO Global Registry for clinical trials to be published: ethical requirements as adequate ethics committee, would that help?
- External advisors for science features
- Multiple committees (small countries).
 - Research governance (operational aspects), ethics review, scientific review
 - Or to include non ethical issues in the ethical review to shorten time and facilitate oversight.
- Different levels of risk and committees (human resources problem for others). For oversight grading the risk to choose the high risk.
- Enhance communication between committee members and researchers.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- International consultancy for new technologies or other hard issues or small countries that need to have access to relevant information.
- Network of EC incentive of a different sort having the recognition and review by peers.