# Investigator-Initiated Site Specific Assessment (SSA) Guide

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## Site Specific Assessment (SSA)

To ensure your SSA is eligible for review, it must meet CALHN Research Services eligibility requirements. Please use the guide provided below.

For low-risk governance submissions use the CALHN Ethics and Governance Application (EGA) form and submit via email to [Health.CALHNResearchLNR@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchLNR@sa.gov.au). Form available on the RAH [website](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/health-medical-research-project-submissions/expedited-review).

### Submitting your SSA:

Refer to the [Research GEMS user guides](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/health+and+medical+research/research+gems/research+gems+user+guides) for step-by-step instructions.

For more information about CALHN requirements refer to the [CALHN GEMS Guideline: Submitting An SSA For Investigator Initiated Studies.](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/health-medical-research-project-submissions/full-review)

## Contracts and Agreements

* All Clinical Trial related agreements should be sent to [Health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au)
* Material Transfer Agreement (MTA), Data Transfer Agreement (DTA), Services Agreements and Research Collaboration agreements should be sent to [Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au)
* All Grant agreements should be sent to [Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au)

## Clinical Trials

### Clinical Trial (External/Commercial Sponsor)

Refer to the [CALHN Clinical Trial Submission Checklists](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/clinical-trial-submissions) on RAH website.

# SSA Submission Guide for Researchers

*All forms, templates and information below can be found on the RAH* [*website*](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/health-medical-research-project-submissions/expedited-review)*.*

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| **Relevant Departmental Approval/s** | |
|  | This project has been discussed with all relevant Head of Departments (HoD) and/or Allied Health/Nursing/Medical Leads, and they have indicated their **support/endorsement.**   * Consider services like imaging, pathology, pharmacy, medical records, and other services/departments/wards where resources will be required for this project. * Please ensure all resources you require from each department (e.g. to provide staff, service/s, investigators etc) have been discussed with the unit in advance, and are well described in Part C: Departments and Services * Upload the HoD endorsement as an attachment in Part F of the SSA form. * Please note: Investigators cannot endorse their own research. Endorsement is required from the person they report to. * [Head of Department Declaration Template](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/health-medical-research-project-submissions/full-review) |
|  | **CALHN Media and Communications approval** (if applicable)  *Approval is required if advertisements will be displayed at CALHN sites.*  *CALHN Research Services will liaise with CALHN Media and Communications.* |
|  | **Data/Specimen Custodian Approval**  Example of data custodians:   * Paper records – Tanya Reid, Manage Medical Records * SA Prison Health Service Records –Manager Business Systems & Assets * CBIS – Chief Psychiatrist * SAMI Data – Executive Director * SA Pathology Data/Specimen – Jill Lipsett contact via [Health.SAPathologyResearch@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.SAPathologyResearch@sa.gov.au) |
|  | **SA Pathology (if applicable)**  If SA Pathology is involved in the research project contact [Health.SAPathologyResearch@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.SAPathologyResearch@sa.gov.au)  In the submission to SA Pathology, investigators must include the protocol, a detailed summary of how SA Pathology is involved and identify all SA Pathology investigators/contacts involved in the project. In addition, they must provide information about whether their project been discussed with the relevant SA Pathology area/department to ensure they can provide the requested sample/data/support? Are the investigators asking for the ability to use the clinical data SA Pathology generates? Will data be extracted from EMR or Millenium? If from Millenium, investigators will need to submit a Data Access Request form (FOR-4599) for the data.  For further information about SA Pathology: <https://www.sapathology.sa.gov.au/partner-with-us/research/research-support>  ***Submit to CALHN Research Governance:***   * All SA Pathology endorsements obtained for the project |
| **Site Team Supporting Documents** | |
|  | **CALHN Study Team Declaration** (email is sufficient)  [Template available here](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/health-medical-research-project-submissions/full-review) |
|  | **Curriculum Vitae(s)**  *Ensuring that current workplace is clearly documented.*  *Valid for 2 years.* |
|  | **GCP Certificate(s)**  *Valid for 3 years.*  *Mandatory for Clinical Trials.*  *Further information available* [*here*](https://www.rah.sa.gov.au/research/for-researchers/education-and-training)*.* |
|  | **National Police Check (NPC)** - Non-SA Health Investigators (*if applicable*)  *Required for non-SA Health Investigators that will be on a CALHN site.* |
|  | **CALHN Confidentiality Deed** - Non-SA Health Investigators (*if applicable*) |
| **Site Costing and Funding** | |
|  | **In Kind Support**   * Investigator initiated projects supported by in kind support must provide a summary of hours, FTE and resources required for the project and the relevant Clinical Program Delivery Manager’s approval (email is sufficient).   *CPDM must be given a clear understanding of the resources required from their program.* |
|  | **Internal Departmental Funding**   * Submit the relevant financial approvals and the site study budget to [Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au) * **Operational Cost Centre**    + Business Manager Approval (email is sufficient) * **Research Cost Centre/Special Purpose Fund (SPF)**    + SPF owners endorsement   + Research finance approval (email is sufficient) |
|  | **Grant**   * If any CALHN investigators are listed as chief investigators on the grant application provide a copy of the application and award letter (or provide the CALHN MyIP reference number for the grant agreement). |
|  | **External Funding**   * If funds will be paid to CALHN, contact CALHN RGO via [Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au) to determine type of agreement required for transfer of funds. |
|  | **Budget**  For all funding types submit a budget for the project. |
| **For projects where the ethics application has been approved outside of GEMS, please also upload the following:** | |
|  | Ethics Approval Letter and any subsequent amendment approval letters  \**The letter/s must list each of the sites at which the study will be undertaken.* |
|  | HREC approved Master Participant Information Sheet(s) and Consent Form(s) (PICFs) |
|  | All HREC approved documentation, including advertising material. |
|  | Site Specific Document(s) including PICFs. |
|  | Radiation Safety Approval (*if applicable*) |
|  | Insurance Certificate (if applicable) |
| **University Study (if applicable)** | |
|  | Confirmation of Insurance  *We require confirmation that the relevant specific project is covered by the University’s insurance arrangements. A Certificate of Currency from the university is not the correct document.* |
|  | Relevant lead approval  *For studies conducted at the University of Adelaide endorsement from the relevant university lead (i.e. medical dean) is required* |
| **Services (if applicable)** | |
|  | Submit the quote or fee waiver (email is sufficient)  (i.e. SA Pathology, SA Pharmacy) |
|  | Service Agreement (i.e. private radiology, consultants)  *Required if an external vendor or CALHN is providing a service and CALHN is paying or receiving money.*  *Contact CALHN Research Services if an agreement is required via email to* [*Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au*](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGovernance@sa.gov.au) |
| **Clinical Trial (CALHN Sponsored)**The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) must be notified of clinical trials of unapproved therapeutic goods via the Clinical Trial Notification (CTN) scheme or the Clinical Trial Approval (CTA) scheme.  If a CTN is required, please contact CALHN Research Services via [Health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au)  For investigator-initiated research, where CALHN will assume the role of sponsor, the CTN will be lodged by CALHN Research Services, however it is the responsibility of the investigator to provide the information required for the CTN and pay the associated fee incurred by the TGA.  If a CTA is required, please follow the [TGA CTA instructions](https://www.tga.gov.au/clinical-trials#cta-scheme). | |
|  | **CTN** (if applicable)  *The Australian clinical trial sponsor must notify the TGA of the intent to sponsor a clinical trial involving an 'unapproved' therapeutic good prior to commencement of the use. The notification form must be submitted online and accompanied by the relevant fee.* |
|  | **CTA** (if applicable)  CTA Part 1: Application submitted to TGA by Principal Investigator (PI)  CTA Part 2: Notification of the conduct of a trial under the CTA scheme submitted to CALHN Research Services by PI to [health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au](mailto:health.CALHNClinicalTrials@sa.gov.au)  *Part 2 must be completed and* ***submitted to TGA within 28 days*** *of either the commencement of each new trial or the addition of a new site in an ongoing CTA trial*. |
| **Additional requirements for Investigator Initiated and/or Collaborative Trials**  An investigator employed within SA Health should not personally enter into any agreement with a third party.  Only SA Health (as an entity) can enter into a relevant agreement with a third party in relation to any project (i.e. such as a CTRA/CIRA). The Principal Investigator may acknowledge, receipt, or review documents but must not personally enter into any formal agreement.  Such agreements can only be signed by an individual or delegate with appropriate authority to sign on behalf of SA Health. | |
|  | **Research Collaboration Agreement** |
|  | **Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)**  *If your research involves a transfer materials or samples to an external site and does not require a CTRA or other collaboration agreement an MTA may be required.* |
|  | **Data Transfer Agreement (DTA)**  *If your research involves a transfer of data to an external site and does not require a CTRA or other collaboration agreement a DTA may be required.* |
| **CALHN Research Office Reference Number - MyIP** | |
| Once you submit your project to CALHN Research Services, a specific identifier known as MyIP will be assigned to it. A reference number will be allocated to your SSA and any associated agreements. It is important to note that this reference number is in addition to your GEMS reference number.  Please note: the MyIP is required for correspondence within CALHN. | |

#### For more information

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