

## Research Governance at the BACCN

As a national professional organization and charity, the BACCN has a responsibility to encourage and nurture the highest possible standards of research in critical care. Researchers in the critical care community have a responsibility to conduct their research in the most conscientious and responsible manner possible. Good research practice must be adhered to in the planning, conduct, reporting, dissemination, and application of any research endeavour.

To promote good research practice, the BACCN will only fund and support research projects that comply with the following standards.

- All research projects involving human participants obtain appropriate ethics approval (E.g., University Ethics, Health Research Authority, Local Research and Development). The Health Research Authority decision tool can help assist you with identifying what kind of ethics approval is required. Available here: <http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/>
- The processing of research information containing personal data must comply with the principles of General Data Protection Regulation (2018) and the research proposal must include a clear plan of how personal data will be stored and managed. Information available here: <https://gdpr-info.eu/chapter-2/>
- All applicants must demonstrate that they are appropriately qualified (or supervised by an appropriately qualified person) to conduct the proposed research
- Research proposals must demonstrate a clear pathway for reporting research misdemeanours or adverse events
- Professional accountability must be maintained and appropriate local approvals and insurance/sponsorship obtained as necessary
- Applications for grants, research awards or research support must be completed in full and include all documentation requested.