

Abbreviations

AMS	=	Academy of Medical Sciences
AWI	=	Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000
BMJ	=	British Medical Journal
CIOMS	=	Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
COREC	=	Central Office for Research Ethics Committees
CSO	=	Chief Scientist Office (Scotland)
CTIMP	=	Clinical Trial of an Investigational Medicinal Product
GAfREC	=	Governance Arrangements for Research Ethics Committees
GMC	=	General Medical Council
HARP	=	HRA Assessment Review Portal
HCRW	=	Health and Care Research Wales
HFEA	=	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
HRA	=	Health Research Authority
HSC	=	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland
HTA	=	Human Tissue Authority
IRAS	=	Integrated Research Application System
IRB	=	Institutional Review Board
LREC	=	Local Research Ethics Committee
MHRA	=	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MRC	=	Medical Research Council
MREC	=	Multi-site Research Ethics Committee
NHS	=	National Health Service
NIH	=	National Institutes of Health
NIHR	=	National Institute for Health Research
NPSA	=	National Patient Safety Agency

NREAP	=	National Research and Ethics Advisors' Panel
NRES	=	National Research Ethics Service
NRS	=	NHS Research Scotland
OECD	=	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OREC	=	Office for Research Ethics Committees
ORECNI	=	Office for Research Ethics Committees Northern Ireland
PIS	=	Participant Information Sheet
PRS	=	Proportionate Review Service
QA/QI	=	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement
RCP	=	Royal College of Physicians of London
REB	=	Research Ethics Board
REC	=	Research Ethics Committee
REC	=	Standard Operating Procedures for Research Ethics
SOPs	=	Committees
RED	=	Research Ethics Database
RES	=	Research Ethics Service
RGF	=	Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care
R&D	=	Research and Development
ShED	=	Shared Ethical Debate
SOP	=	Standard Operating Procedures
SSA	=	Site-Specific Assessment
UKECA	=	United Kingdom Ethics Committee Authority
WHO	=	World Health Organization

