

Shared Systems User Access Acknowledgement for Research Purposes

As part of the REB Application, please complete this form and submit to the Research Ethics Board Office. Each member of the local study team accessing personal health information must complete this form (e.g. Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, Study Coordinator, etc.). If you have any questions, please call the REB Office at 905-494-2120 ext. 50448.

STUDY TITLE: _____

WOHS REB #: _____

As a Researcher for the above mentioned study at William Osler Health System (Osler) that is being submitted for Osler REB Review, I am signing below to acknowledge that it is unacceptable to use external shared electronic health information systems/portals for the purposes of research (e.g. using a portal to identify potential study subjects within another hospital).

Examples of health information systems/portals:

- ConnectingOntario (cGTA)
- Reach
- DI-R
- IAR
- OLIS

While I may have an active account to such portals for the purpose of providing clinical care to patients, I am not permitted to use these portals for the purpose of research. Such use would be considered a privacy breach under the Agreements for these portals and under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)*. A privacy breach would be subject to Osler’s Privacy Breach Management Procedure, which may include disciplinary action including, but not limited to, written warnings or letters of counsel, suspensions with or without pay, and/or immediate termination of employment, affiliation, suspension or revocation of hospital privileges with Osler; and prosecution under the law.

For example:

Question: You are a physician providing care to patients with a specific disease. You recently became the Principal Investigator for a study that has rapid enrolment timelines. It will be important to recruit patients as quickly as possible. With these timelines, you are wondering about the most efficient way to identify patients who are eligible and interested in the study. You wonder if your access to the cGTA Portal it might help you to identify prospective patients. Can you do this?

Answer: No. You are not permitted to access to the cGTA Portal for the purpose of research. cGTA is only to be used for clinical care. When you are accessing cGTA, you must do so in your capacity as a clinician caring for patients.

I have read and understood the information above.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Role in Research Study:

- () Principal Investigator
- () Co-Investigator
- () Study Coordinator/Nurse
- () Research Assistant
- () Research Volunteer
- () Other: _____