

# Working within the NZ Regulatory Framework:

*a personal perspective*

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# Research experience

Academia, Crown Research Institute, private industry, public health institution (DHB)

Medical device research

Manager of global clinical research programme

Animal research

PhD Life sciences

HRC assessment committee membership

Mentor to junior investigators

Principal Investigator

Established a tumour/tissue bank

Clinical research

Led CCRep's growth  
for 7 years

Journal reviewer  
Author on peer-reviewed publications



# About CCRep

## Clinical Trials

- Industry-sponsored
- Grant-funded
- Evaluation

## Education

- Internal for CCRep Staff
- Custom courses, external providers
- External workshops

## Research Support

- Statistics
- Research Officer
- HRC Grants assistance + Research Office

## Research Capability Hub

- Innovation Fund
- Clinical Director (of Research)
- CMDHB input (Research Committee, Research Strategy)

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# *“Creating the Future of Healthcare”*

## **Vision**

CCRep has a key role in bringing new healthcare options to the NZ public

**2004**

**12**

**2011**

**62**

**102**

**119**

completed



# NZ's Regulatory System

- Single committee for multi-site submissions
- NZ patient safety is paramount
- Administrators are contactable and responsive
- No patient stipends
- Process is transparent
- PI can attend meetings



# NZ's Regulatory System

- 60+ days to obtain final approval for full applications
- Forms don't always match the project
- Variations between committees
- Drug trials vs devices vs diagnostics
- Complex; repetition?
- Institutional review and approval



# First timers imagine this...



# How would you make it better?



# My own experience...

- Ethics approval is essential to protect the rights of patients
- A good system provides appropriate guidance for researchers
- Researchers must understand their project
- Need consistency in DHBs



# Into the future...?





Thanks for your attention

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*“Research serves to make building stones out of stumbling blocks.”*

*Arthur D. Little*

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