3rd June 2010

Research Ethics Workshops at the Kids Research Institute: Friday 4th June

The Research Ethics and Governance Unit at Kids Research Institute at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, in conjunction with the Children’s Bioethics Centre, RCH-Melbourne will host two workshops examining key aspects of Research Ethics this Friday 4th June.

‘Understanding Consent in Research Involving Children’ will be presented by Dr Merle Spriggs and A/Prof Lynn Gillam from the Children’s Bioethics Centre.

The 4-hour session will include a ‘Handbook for Human Research Ethics Committees and Researchers’ that has been specifically designed to complement the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research and provide guidance to researchers who design and conduct research involving children.

This workshop will also involve a Q & A session, designed to raise issues for deliberation by Human Research Ethics Committees and researchers in situations in which they have not found sufficiently clear guidance in the National Statement. This includes recruitment of the new generation of adolescents – many of whom are exhaustive users of modern technologies.

The second workshop, ‘Principles and Strategies for Decision Making in Research Ethics’ will be presented by A/Prof Lynn Gillam. This will include a discussion of key aspects of the National Statement; and will also examine case studies on various issues involved in Research Ethics decision-making.

Date: Friday 4th June
Time: 10.00am – 2pm: ‘Understanding Consent in Research Involving Children’:
2.00pm – 5pm: ‘Principles and Strategies for Decision Making in Research Ethics’:

Location: Large Conference Room, Level 2, Kerry Packer Building
         Kids Research Institute at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

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