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### Notification

In pursuance of the mandate of the **National Bioethics Committee (NBC)** under the Health Research Institute (HRI), NIH, and with the approval of the Competent Authority, following **Technical Working Group (TWG) on Integrated Regulatory and Ethics Oversight** is hereby constituted to strengthen / coordination between NBC, the Clinical Study Committee, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP).


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| 1. <b>Dr. Baber Saeed Khan</b> , Director NUMS                          | Chairman         |
| 2. <b>Dr. Faiza Bashir</b> , Focal Person NBC                           | Secretary/Member |
| 3. <b>Malik Muhammad Asad</b> , Deputy Director DRAP                    | Member           |
| 4. <b>Prof. Dr. Umme Sughra</b> , Director- Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospital | Member           |
| 5. <b>Dr. Murtaza Hussain</b> , CEO Metrics Research                    | Member           |
| 6. <b>Joint Secretary (Admin)</b> , M/o NHSR&C (Ex. Officio)            | Member           |

2. The TWG may include Observers, Advisors, Experts, Co-opted Members, Donor Representatives, or WHO liaison officers as per requirement.

3. Health Research Institute (HRI), National Institute of Health (NIH), Head Office, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad will be **Secretariat of the TWG**.

4. Following will be Terms of Reference (TORs) of the TWG.

- i. Develop and implement a road map for integrated regulatory and ethics approvals.
- ii. Establish joint SOPs for submissions, reviews, monitoring, and inspections.
- iii. Facilitate parallel review processes to reduce duplication and delays.
- iv. Ensure participant protection through harmonized ethical safeguards.
- v. Align national practices with international standards (ICH-GCP, CIOMS, WHO).
- vi. Report quarterly to the Chief Executive Officer, NIH.

  
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Research Director /  
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Cc:

1. PS to CEO NIH, Islamabad.
2. PS to CEO DRAP, Islamabad.
3. PS to Joint Secretary Admin M/o NHSR&C.
4. All concerned.