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EFFECTIVE: September 1, 2007	NMREB Composition & Quorum		

This guideline replaces membership requirements in Section 15.0 (Composition of the NMREB) in the main NMREB Guideline 3-G-001 dated 2002.

In accordance with the following policies and regulations:

- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans
- Ontario Personal Health Information Privacy Act

Quorum for the Non-Medical Research Ethics Board (NMREB) shall consist of:

- at least **five members, including both men and women.**
- at least one member who has **no affiliation** with the institution, but is **recruited from the community served by the institution.**
- at least two members who have broad **expertise in the methods or in the areas of research that are covered by the REB** and whose primary **experience and expertise are in a scientific discipline.**
- one member whose primary experience and expertise are in a **non-scientific discipline**
- at least one member who is knowledgeable in **ethics**;
- at least one member who is knowledgeable in considering **privacy issues.**

There is no restriction on the number of roles one person may fill on the NMREB e.g. one person may meet the criteria of having no affiliation with the institution and being knowledgeable in considering privacy issues as long as all quorum requirements are met.

The NMREB strives to reach decisions by consensus; unless, in the opinion of the Chair, a formal vote is required. Approval by a simple majority of the quorum of those present is required for approval of submissions the NMREB.

References:

UWO REB Guideline 1-G-005 Loss of Quorum.

Tri Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans 1998 (TCPS) B2. Membership of the REB Article 1.3

Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 (PHIPA) ONTARIO REGULATION 329/04 Amended to O. Reg. 245/06 General Section 15 Research Ethics Boards