



# Victorian AIDS Council Gay Men's Health Centre

including the Positive Living Centre

VAC Reg. No. A 3609 GMHC Reg No. A0010550F  
VAC ABN 52 907 644 835 GMHC ABN 87 652 472 253

## Application for VAC/GMHC Research and Ethics Approval

**1. Project title:**

**2. Chief Investigator(s) of project:**

**3. Contact Person:**

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

**4. Contact person at VAC/GMHC (if appropriate):**

**5. What do you want VAC/GMHC to do?**

- a) Endorse the project
- b) Provide access to mailing list
- c) Use premises
- d) Provide advice on recruitment
- e) Assist with distribution and promotion
- f) Other (please specify)

**6. Qualifications and experience of the chief investigator(s), Associate investigator(s) and other research involved in this project. (Add more cells to table as required.)**

Name  (Chief/associate/other)		
Current appointment  Department/School/ Other institution  Highest Academic Qualification  Degree Type  Year Conferred  Country		
Other qualification(s) / experience relevant to this project		

## **7. Project summary**

Provide a summary of the project that is no more than 200 words in length. The summary should be intelligible to a lay reader, and presented in clear and concise terms. **'Appendices up to 5 pages may be attached to this document'**

## **8. Relevance of this project to VAC/GMHC and to people living with HIV/AIDS, and their carers.**

Provide a brief account of how this project may contribute to improved outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS, and/or improvement in their care and management, and/or training and knowledge base for the carers of people living with HIV/AIDS. Please also state the relevance of the proposal to VAC/GMHC health prevention education if this would be useful. This account should be no more than 200 words in length.

## **9. Detailed Description of Project**

This section should be no more than 6 pages in length. It should be divided into 4 sub-sections:

- a) Aims, expected outcomes and significance
- b) Research plan, methods and techniques
- c) Participant Consent forms
- d) References

## **10. Ethical implications of research**

A brief statement of the ethical issues which arise from this project and an explanation of how these issues will be addressed must be given. Please refer to the "Statement on Human Experimentation" (adopted from NHMRC, attached as Appendix 1). Note that it is not sufficient to state that the "NHMRC Statement on Human Experimentation will be observed".

In the case of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research, in addition to the "Statement on Human Experimentation", refer to the NHMRC Guidelines on Ethical Matters in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research (available from the NHMRC Publications Unit).

The research plan (outlined by you in Section 8) must include sufficient detail to enable the project to be fully assessed in respect of the ethical issues by the VAC/GMHC Research Promotion & Ethics Committee.

## **11. Clearance/approval of institutional Ethics Committee**

VAC/GMHC Research & Ethics Committee requires a statement from your relevant institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) that this project has received clearance/approval.

(Please note: Clearance *is* required for such matters as routine testing procedures, and prior to the initiation on questionnaires)

Further enquiries should be directed to the Secretariat, Research Promotion & Ethics Committee, VAC/GMHC, 6 Claremont St, South Yarra 3141.