

Ethics

When researchers do studies on people or use their information, they need approval from a group called the Human Research Ethics Committee. The committee checks everything is done in a fair and right way.

For most research projects, participants need to sign a consent form which shows they understand and want to participate in research.

Consumer/community members can get involved in this step by sharing thoughts on the protocol application and consent forms.



Join our journey through the research cycle!

Want to learn more about the research process? Take a look at the resources below.

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**Consumer & Community
Involvement in
Paediatric Intensive Care Research**

Introduction to Research

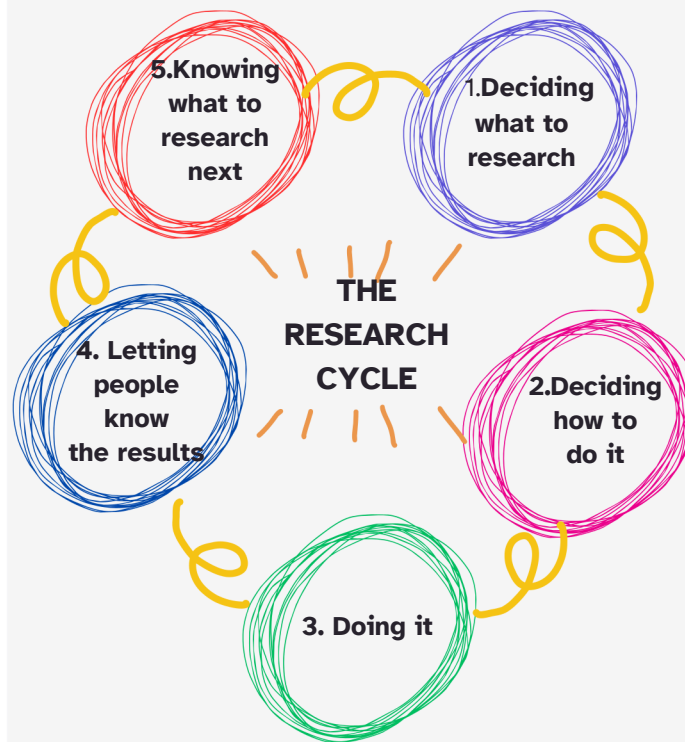


Types of research

- ✓ **Clinical Trials:** Investigates the effectiveness and safety of new treatments, drugs or interventions.
- ✓ **Quantitative research:** Collects information that can be measured or counted, like numbers.
- ✓ **Qualitative research:** Explores and understands people's perspectives.
- ✓ **Mixed Methods:** "mixing" both quantitative and qualitative research and methods in a single study to understand a research problem.
- ✓ **Review:** Brings together results of studies around the world. The goal is to understand current research and find gaps that need research.



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The Research Cycle

Research follows a process which is known as the research cycle. The Research cycle shows the key steps that researchers follow when carrying out a study. It is a continuous loop of learning and improving. Consumers can be involved in each step of the research cycle.

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How consumers can get involved in each step of research



Step 1: Deciding what to research

Consumers can help choose topics that are important to them and the community



Step 2: Deciding how to do it

Consumers can help by making sure research plans are doable. At this step consumers can help write or comment on funding applications or project information



Step 3: Doing it

Consumers can help in various ways during this step. This might involve helping collect information and sharing their thoughts during the evaluation of information



Step 4: Letting people know the results

Consumers can help share the research findings with others by helping make information readable or talking to others about the research



Step 5: Knowing what to research next

Consumers can be involved in a follow on project