

Gene Technology Advisory Committee

(July 2014)

Terms of Reference

GTAC is to review for the purposes of seeking an exemption under Section 30 of the Medicines Act (1981)* or as required by an accredited ethics committee or the HRC or any of its committees:-

1. Proposals for clinical trials which include the introduction of nucleic acids (genetically manipulated or synthesized in the laboratory) or genetically manipulated microorganisms, viruses or cells into human subjects for the purpose of gene therapy or cell marking.
2. Proposals for clinical trials in which the introduction of nucleic acids (genetically manipulated or synthesized in the laboratory), or genetically manipulated microorganisms, viruses or cells is designed to stimulate an immune response against the subject's own cells, as in the treatment of certain cancers.
3. Proposals for clinical trials in which nucleic acids either from or within cells from animal species are transferred into humans for the purpose of disease treatment i.e. xenotransplantation.
4. Proposals for clinical trials in which human nucleic acids have been introduced into the genome of an animal species, including genetically manipulated microorganisms, for the purpose of developing products to be used for either disease prevention or treatment in human subjects.
5. Proposals for clinical trials involving vaccines in which nucleic acids (genetically manipulated or synthesized in the laboratory) or genetically manipulated microorganisms, viruses or cells have been introduced to stimulate an immune response to antigenic determinants of an infectious agent.

Current Membership	Date Appointed	End of Term	Expertise	Location
Professor Ian Morison (Acting Chair)	9.99		Haematology/Molecular Genetics	Dunedin
Professor Grant Gillett	9.96		Surgeon/Bioethicist	Dunedin
Emeritus Professor Colin Mantell	02.05	02.08	Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Māori and Pacific Health	Auckland
Chief Executive	08.07		HRC	Auckland
Professor Stephen Robertson	02.05	02.08	Clinical Geneticist	Dunedin
Associate Professor Richard Robson	08.00		Clinical Pharmacology and Chair of SCOTT	Christchurch
Dr Bruce Scoggins	08.07		<i>(previously ex officio)</i>	Auckland
Dr Deborah Young	02.05	02.08	Molecular Medicine / Pathology	Auckland
<i>Ex Officio Members</i> Mr David Abbott			Expert committee Section - NHMRC	Australia
Secretary:	Ms Lana Lon			
Quorum:	4			
Meetings per annum:	as required			
Reports to:	Council			
Established by:	Council – 1995, 1 st meeting 1 February 1996			
Reviewed:				
Disbanded:				

**Note: Terms of Reference currently under review.*