

Bold Ideas Colloquium Speaker Series

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What is RITHIM and determining the most appropriate REB for Review

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Abstract: RITHIM is Manitoba's best-in-class provincial program for health research involving multiple stakeholders. It is unique across Canada in that it harmonizes ethics, privacy and health institutional assessment review processes, thus creating a more efficient process for health research reviews in Manitoba. This talk will provide orientation to and a discussion around the scope of health research under RITHIM jurisdiction. For further information on RITHIM please see <https://rithim.ca/about-us/overview/>

Talk Learning Objectives: 1) How to use the RITHIM routing questions; 2) How to submit a consultation for determination; and 3) Who to reach out to at UM for human research ethics support

Speaker Biography: Elizabeth Lylyk is the Director of RITHIM, with over 25 years of experience in health ethics and regulatory affairs. She leads the RITHIM initiative with a focus on stakeholder engagement and strategic development to advance health research in Manitoba. Karen Schwartz is the Director of Human Research Ethics at the University of Manitoba. She has worked at UM for over 15 years, the last 8 of which have been in university administration.