University of Cape Town/ Groote Schuur Hospital

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Collaborative Research Framework

1. Any research that impacts on or involves the clinical care and/or management of patients will require a departmental co-investigator and by implication DRC approval.
2. All collaborative studies must have a facility-based liaison person or a co-investigator.
3. A Synopsis or Concept Note is to be submitted to the DRC for all collaborative projects.

   3.1 **S**ubmitted Concept Notes/Synopses will be electronically circulated to DRC members and approval will either be by electronic consensus and if unresolved, at committee sittings.

   3.2 The DRC will determine, based on degree of risk to patients safety and encroachment on patients management and/or care, whether the protocol requires a facility-based liaison person or a co-investigator (and by implication full submission to the DRC).

4. All collaborative research will need to be electronically logged to the DRC protocol database to prevent patient co-sampling.