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To all BMC and CUHAS staff involved in research activities.

It has come to our attention that, for a number of BMC/CUHAS publications, a clearance was not granted by the BMC/CUHAS Ethics and Review Committee, despite the authors mentioning that they had obtained a clearance.

We therefore remind all BMC and CUHAS staff involved in research activities, or about to undertake research activities, that a **research clearance** certificate from the Joint BMC/CUHAS Ethics and Review Committee is the first **mandatory** step of the research process.

Staff, **both students and qualified researchers**, need to apply for a clearance using the form posted on the BMC/CUHAS Research & Innovations website and should present the filled form together with a **research proposal** illustrating the research work they are planning to undertake to the Secretariat of the Research Directorate. Proposals from students will be reviewed by the Committee after a presentation while proposals from qualified researchers will be directly reviewed by one member of the Committee.

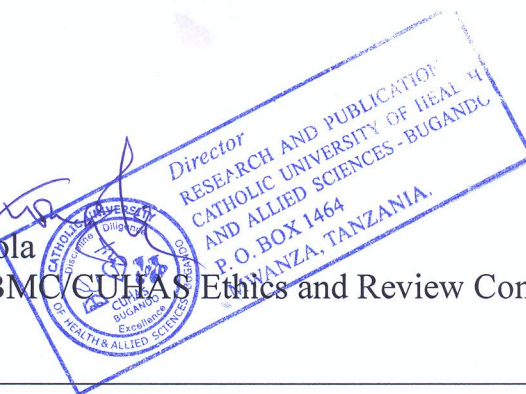
Failure to go through the above process will prevent staff to publish their results in peer-reviewed journals as the Committee will be obliged to declare the non-existence of a clearance certificate.

Wishing you all fruitful research activities

Best regards,


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