

Policy Statement

This policy requires that only people with Medicare eligibility may be enrolled as research participants.

Who must comply with this policy?

Principal Investigator and all staff conducting research at, or under the auspices of Monash Health

This policy applies in the following setting:

This procedure is applicable to all Monash Health staff, patients, clients and their families and carers.

Policy

Commonwealth and State Government policy restricts access to free public hospital services to people who are eligible to receive Medicare. Currently, people who are eligible for Medicare-funded treatment include:

1. all Australian citizens
2. all visitors who are citizens of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, Italy, Belgium, Malta, Slovenia, Norway (but not students from Norway, Finland, Malta or Ireland)
3. all New Zealand citizens
4. all people holding a permanent visa or who have applied for a permanent visa (other than a parent visa)
5. all people who have permission to work in Australia
6. all people who can prove a relationship to an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Other overseas visitors and non-residents are not eligible for Medicare-funded treatment, unless they require emergency treatment.

Research participants may, on rare occasions, require medical or hospital treatment as a result of their participation. Because of the Commonwealth and State government policy outlined above, this medical or hospital treatment can only be provided to Medicare-eligible patients.

Accordingly, no person, regardless of their residency status, who does not have current right of access to Medicare, may participate in research conducted at Monash Health.

Where research is conducted on emergency treatments, any participant who is found not to be eligible for Medicare-funded treatment should be withdrawn from the research as soon as possible.

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