Are we due for an Overhaul of Ethics Reviews Performed by REBs?

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Over time, concerns about the effectiveness of Research Ethics Boards (REBs) have led to calls for strategies to improve ethics review efficiency and quality. Accreditation is often presented as a means to attain these goals. However, assessments related to accreditation typically focus on administrative requirements and do not directly provide evidence of quality of the ethics reviews or the effectiveness of the protection of research participants. Such were the findings of the Canadian Clinical Trials Coordination Centre (CCTCC) Working Group on REB Accreditation, whose work and recommendations will be discussed. The presentation will then turn to some efforts to develop a research agenda for quality assessment in research ethics review.

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