**Additional file 1. Identified governmental documents on COVID-19 research ethics review and oversight in LA countries, and its general human research ethics governance framework.**

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| **Country** | **COVID-19 research ethics review and oversight framework** | **Human research ethics governance framework** |
| **ARGENTINA** | Resolution 908/2020 of the Ministry of Health: Ethical and operational guidelines for accelerated ethics review of COVID-19-related human research<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/335000-339999/337359/norma.htm> Communication ANMAT, May 2020.<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/medidas-y-recomendaciones-en-los-estudios-de-farmacologia-clinica-durante-la-pandemia-covid>  | Resolution 1480/2011 of the Ministry of Health: Guidelines for Human Health Research<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/185000-189999/187206/norma.htm> Disposition 6677/2010 of ANMAT: Good clinical practices for pharmacological studies<http://www.anmat.gov.ar/comunicados/dispo_6677-10.pdf>  |
| **PERU** | PNIH Chief Resolution Nº 096-2020-J-OPE/INS that creates the National Transitory Research Ethics Committee for the ethics review and oversight of COVID-19 clinical trials.[RJ\_096-2020-J-OPE-INS20200727-24078-s7qgfw.pdf (](https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1049675/RJ_096-2020-J-OPE-INS20200727-24078-s7qgfw.pdf)[www.gob.pe](http://www.gob.pe)[)](https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1049675/RJ_096-2020-J-OPE-INS20200727-24078-s7qgfw.pdf)PNIH Chief Resolution Nº 097-2020-J-OPE/INS that approves the procedure for the ethics review of COVID-19 clinical trials.[RJ\_097-2020-J-OPE-INS20200727-24078-4mz72l.pdf (www.gob.pe)](https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1049676/RJ_097-2020-J-OPE-INS20200727-24078-4mz72l.pdf)Directoral Resolution Nº 120-2020-OGITT/INS that approves the NTREC-COVID19 operating procedures (April, 2020)<https://ensayosclinicos-repec.ins.gob.pe/regulacion/normatividad-vigente/314-investigaciones-con-covid-19>PNIH Chief Resolution Nº 139-2020-J-OPE/INS that approves guidelines for the conduct of clinical trials during the COVID-19 pandemic.[RJ\_Nº\_139-2020Doc.Tec.-Pautas\_Ejec.Ensay.Clinicos20200727-24078-m50hft.pdf (www.gob.pe)](https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/1049749/RJ_N%C2%BA_139-2020Doc.Tec.-Pautas_Ejec.Ensay.Clinicos20200727-24078-m50hft.pdf) Supreme Decree Nº 014-2020-SA that establishes measures for the adequate conduct of COVID-19 clinical trials in the context of the health emergency<https://www.gob.pe/institucion/minsa/normas-legales/483022-014-2020-minsa> | Supreme Decree Nº 021-2017-SA that approves the Clinical Trials Regulations.[El Peruano - Aprueban Reglamento de Ensayos Clínicos - DECRETO SUPREMO - N° 021-2017-SA - PODER EJECUTIVO - SALUD](https://busquedas.elperuano.pe/normaslegales/aprueban-reglamento-de-ensayos-clinicos-decreto-supremo-n-021-2017-sa-1538902-2/) Technical document: Ethical considerations for health research involving human beings, approved by Ministerial Resolution Nº 233-2020-MINSA. [RM\_233-2020-MINSA\_Y\_ANEXOS.PDF (www.gob.pe)](https://cdn.www.gob.pe/uploads/document/file/662949/RM_233-2020-MINSA_Y_ANEXOS.PDF) |
| **ECUADOR** | Ministerial Agreement Nº 0003, Regulation for health research during the health emergency (repealed).<https://www.registroficial.gob.ec> Ministerial Agreement Nº 00104, Regulation for the approval and the conduct of health research related to COVID-19.<https://www.registroficial.gob.ec> | Ministerial Agreement Nº 4889, Human Research Ethics Committees Regulations.[https://www.gob.ec/sites/default/files/regulations/2018-10/Documento\_Reglamento%20Comités%20Ética%20Investigación%20Seres%20Humanos.pdf](https://www.gob.ec/sites/default/files/regulations/2018-10/Documento_Reglamento%20Comit%C3%A9s%20%C3%89tica%20Investigaci%C3%B3n%20Seres%20Humanos.pdf) |
| **PANAMA** | Resolution Nº 373.[Gaceta Oficial Digital (b-cdn.net)](http://minsa.b-cdn.net/sites/default/files/normatividad/resolucion_ndeg373_de_13_de_abril_de_2020_gaceta_29005_procedimiento_acelerado_ips_en_edb.pdf)  | Law Nº 84.[Gaceta Oficial Digital (b-cdn.net)](http://minsa.b-cdn.net/sites/default/files/normatividad/ley_84.pdf)Operating procedures of the National Committee of Bioethics in Research.<https://cnbi.senacyt.gob.pa/procedimientos-operativos-del-cnbi/> |
| **COSTA RICA** | Communique 1: Specific considerations for biomedical research in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic.Communique 2: Recommendations for the conduct of biomedical research during the health emergency in Costa Rica.[comunicado\_cec\_oac\_oic\_20082020.pdf (ministeriodesalud.go.cr)](https://www.ministeriodesalud.go.cr/gestores_en_salud/conis/circulares/comunicado_cec_oac_oic_20082020.pdf)Manual of procedures to streamline ethics review and oversight of biomedical COVID-19 research of the CCSS<https://www.cendeisss.sa.cr/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Manual-procedimientos-revision-expedita-17.07.2020.pdf> | Law 9.234 on Biomedical Research[Sistema Costarricense de Información Jurídica (pgrweb.go.cr)](http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_texto_completo.aspx?param1=NRTC&nValor1=1&nValor2=77070&nValor3=122799&strTipM=TC) Executive Decree Nº 39061-S (2015, update 2016) that regulates the Law on Biomedical Research[Sistema Costarricense de Información Jurídica (pgrweb.go.cr)](http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_texto_completo.aspx?param1=NRTC&nValor1=1&nValor2=79779&nValor3=103451&strTipM=TC) |
| **BRAZIL** | ORIENTAÇÕES PARA CONDUÇÃO DE PESQUISAS E ATIVIDADE DOS CEP DURANTE A PANDEMIA PROVOCADA PELO CORONAVÍRUS SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)[Comissão Nacional de Ética em Pesquisa](http://www.fo.usp.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Orienta%C3%A7%C3%B5es-condu%C3%A7%C3%A3o-de-pesquisas-e-atividades-CEP.pdf)Technical Note 23/2020 [Anvisa](http://antigo.anvisa.gov.br/documents/219201/5923491/NOTA%2BT%C3%89CNICA%2BN%C2%BA%2B23-2020%2B-%2BGGMED.pdf/fc71b725-0457-43d3-aacc-4bceb3f4127f)  | Resolution 466/12 of National Health Council. [Conselho Nacional de Saúde](https://conselho.saude.gov.br/resolucoes/2012/466_espanhol.pdf)Operational norm N° 001/2013 of National Health Council[Ministério da Saúde](http://www.hgb.rj.saude.gov.br/ceap/Norma_Operacional_001-2013.pdf)Resolution n° 446/11 of National Health Council[Ministério da Saúde](http://bvsms.saude.gov.br/bvs/saudelegis/cns/2011/res0446_11_08_2011.html)Resolution 506-2016[Conselho Nacional de Saúde](https://conselho.saude.gov.br/resolucoes/2016/Reso_506.pdf)Resolution 580-2018[Conselho Nacional de Saúde](https://conselho.saude.gov.br/resolucoes/2018/Reso580.pdf) |
| **MEXICO** | BIOETHICS IN THE FACE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC<https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/544217/BIOETHICS_IN_THE_FACE_OF_THE_COVID-19_PANDEMIC.pdf>Extraordinary Measures in relation to Clinical trials during the pandemic<https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/medidas-extraordinarias-en-relacion-a-estudios-clinicos-ante-la-pandemia-de-covid-19?idiom=es>Communique N° 007 COVID-19<https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/555510/Suspension_y_funcionamiento_CEI.pdf> | General Health Law<http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=4652777&fecha=07/02/1984#:~:text=%2DLa%20presente%20Ley%20reglamenta%20el,Federaci%C3%B3n%20y%20las%20entidades%20federativas> Regulation of the Law in Aspects of Health Research<http://www.diputados.gob.mx/LeyesBiblio/regley/Reg_LGS_MIS.pdf>National Guideline for the integration and functioning of RECs<https://www.uv.mx/ics/files/2019/04/Gui_a_CEI_2018_6ta_Edicion.pdf> |
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