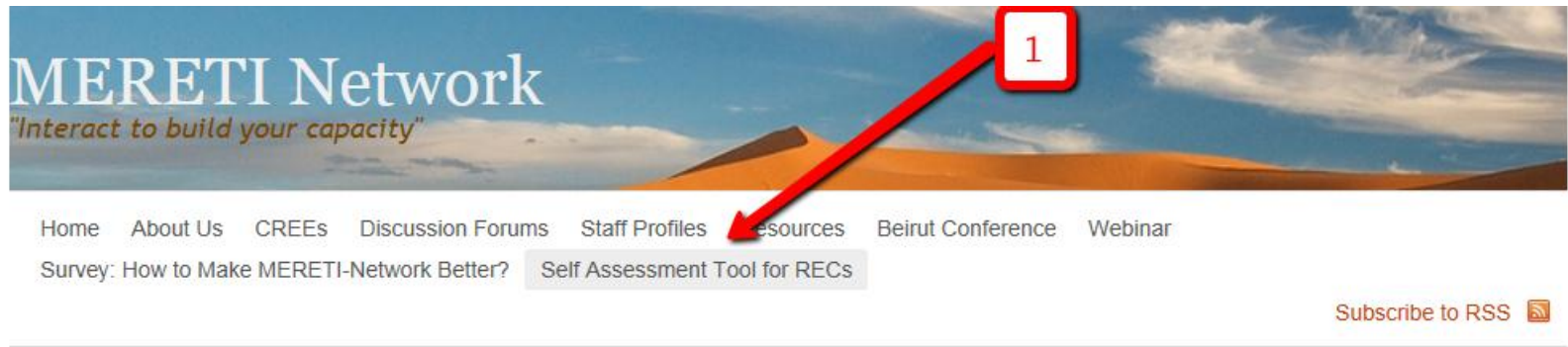


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OPINION POLL

How should the chair of an REC be selected for a new committee?

By the Dean or the President (0%, 0 Votes)

By the members of the REC in a secret voting (17%, 1 Votes)

By a committee in the university (e.g., graduate council) (83%, 5 Votes)

Total Votes: 6

Self Assessment Tool for RECs



we conducted a study in which RECs from different developing regions completed the self-assessment tool. The results for three of the regions are

The MERETI Program now makes available its Self-Assessment Tool for RECs.

To complete the Self Assessment Tool please follow the link: [Self Assessment for RECs Tool](#)

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Upcoming Events

Erasmus MC Rotterdam will host the 11th conference of the International Association of Bioethics
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June 26-29, 2012
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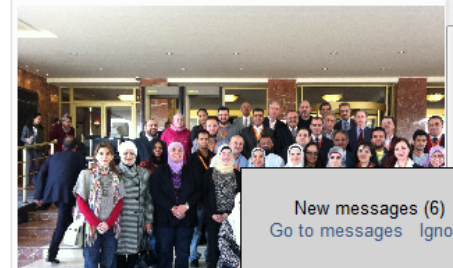
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Middle East Research Ethics Training Initiative (MERETI)
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Examples of Questions

Question 1

Not yet answered

Marked out of 2



Is the REC subject to registration with a national authority?

Select one:

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Question 2

Not yet answered

Marked out of 1



How often does the REC meet as a full committee to review research studies?

Select one:

- 1. once/week
- 2. twice/month
- 3. every two months
- 4. once/month
- 5. has not yet met to review protocols

Question 3

Not yet answered

Marked out of 5

Was the REC established under a high authority (e.g. President's office, Ministry of Health etc...)?

Select one:

- 1. Yes

Obtain Individual Score After Submission

Started on	Sunday, 24 June 2012, 11:47 AM
Completed on	Sunday, 24 June 2012, 11:52 AM
Time taken	4 mins 56 secs
Grade	110 out of a maximum of 200 (55%)
Feedback	Your score represents a below average score when compared with other RECs in the

Compare Score with Results obtained on the Benchmarking Survey

Thank you for completing this survey. After clicking on "next", you will see a summary of your results and our interpretation of "correct" responses that are aligned with recommendations from guidelines regarding operations of RECs.

You will also receive your final score.

To better understand the meaning of your final score, a recent study involving RECs from regions in the developing world showed that the average score was 135.7 ± 35.6 .

Also, the following table provides percentile ranks for the scores, that is, the percentages of RECs who obtained scores lower than a specified score.

Percentile rank of scores from other RECs

REC Score	Percent of RECs Scoring Lower than Selected Score
172	90
160	75
145	50
119	25

We hope this information is useful and thank you again for taking this survey.

The MERETI TEAM

Obtain Feedback on Individual Questions

How often does the REC meet as a full committee to review research studies?

Select one:

- 1. once/week
- 2. twice/month
- 3. every two months
- 4. once/month ✓

This is an adequate frequency to meet.

- 5. has not yet met to review protocols

To maintain proficiency in the review of protocols, it is necessary for the REC to meet frequently. Hence, meeting at least once a month would maintain the expertise of the REC members in reviewing protocols. Any frequency less than this might lead to inefficiencies.

A correct answer would be a) once a week, b) twice a month; or c) once a month.

Feedback on Questions

Does the REC consider and require that additional safeguards need to be included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of vulnerable subjects?

Select one:

1. Yes

2. No **X**

Examples of safeguards for vulnerable participants include: a) limitations on the risk level of the research; b) availability of a consent monitor to ensure the appropriateness of the informed consent process; c) requiring that the investigators assess whether the potential research participant has an adequate understanding of the elements of informed consent (e.g., use of a short questionnaire). For more information, see the following article:

[Protecting Vulnerable Research Subjects in Critical Care Trials: Enhancing the Informed Consent Process and Recommendations for Safeguards](#)

The correct answer is:

Yes