National Ethics Advisory Committee
Role:
- Provide advice on ethical issues of national significance in respect to any health and disability matters.
- Determine nationally consistent ethical standards across the health and disability sector and provide scrutiny for national health research and health services.

Health Research Council Ethics Committee
Role:
- Provide independent comment and recommendation on ethical issues that arise in any aspect of health research.
- Accredit ethics committees.
- Provide second opinions on research involving human participants for all accredited ethics committees. Second opinion not binding. Original ethics committee makes final decision.

Health and Disability Ethics Committees
- Administered by the MoH; supported by NCEC.
- Six Regional HDECs.
- One Multi-Region HDEC.
Role:
- Reviews health and disability research proposals that involve human participants.
- Regional HDECs review research carried out in their designated region.
- Multi-Region HDEC considers research undertaken over more than one region.

Institutional Ethics Committees
- Ten accredited IECs in total.
  - UOHEC; administered by the Manager of Academic Committees.
  - Nine other institutional ethics committees.
Role:
- UOHEC reviews research on humans undertaken by staff and students at the UO which is not required to be revised by a HDEC.

Acronyms
HDEC: Health and Disability Ethics Committee
IEC: Institutional Ethics Committee
MoH: Ministry of Health
NCEC: National Co-ordinator of Ethics Committees
UO: University of Otago
UOHEC: University of Otago Human Ethics Committee

Appeals Body
Appeals body currently under consideration, not yet implemented.