

Project acronym: SAMIRES

Project title: Ethical Principles for Sami Health Research in Finland

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Discipline: Social Sciences

Station(s): Kevo Subarctic Research Station (Finland)

The overall purpose of our project is to develop a set of evidence-based, locally-relevant and useful guiding ethical principles for conducting health research with members of the Sami and researcher communities in Northern Finland. Our multi-phase project has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Montana State University, and will use three methodological strategies in order to obtain a holistic analysis for interpreting the complexity of issues influencing the implementation of health research studies with the Sami in northern Finland.

Data collection for Phases 1 and 2 (key informant interviews with researchers and Sami community members) is complete; focus groups and community presentations/discussions will be conducted in June 2017 with both Oulu-based researchers and northern Finland dwelling Sami community members to share preliminary analysis from earlier phases and draft recommendations for collaborative interpretation.