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Brumby's Labor Government has streamlined the ethical review process for clinical trials, making medical research into potentially lifesaving treatments easier to conduct in Victoria.

Now, researchers conducting multi-site trials need only apply for one approval rather than separate approval for each site and their research can begin more quickly.

The new initiative was announced this week at the AusBiotech 2009 Conference in Melbourne by Innovation Minister Gavin Jennings.

Health Minister Daniel Andrews welcomed the initiative and said it would further build Victoria's reputation as a deliverer of pharmaceutical solutions to global health problems.

The streamlining initiative is part of the \$20 million Biotechnology Bridges program announced in the 2008 Victorian Innovation Statement and will start on November 16.