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**Introduction:** Research concepts to be studied in the CTN are generated from each CTN node. The RRTC, in partnership with its affiliated CTPs develops and submits research concepts to the CTN Concept Review Subcommittee for review. This document outlines the policy of concept generation and review.

**Concept Generation:** Research concepts are generated by the node either voluntarily or in response to special appeal identified by the Steering Committee or NIDA to address specific public health needs. Concepts are generated by the RRTC in partnership with its affiliated CTPs to improve the acceptability by and sustainability in the community based treatment practices. Research concepts should be written concisely and succinctly according to SOP-PR-001. Each Node is limited to 3 concepts per submission, which usually will occur twice annually.

**Concept Review:** Research concepts are submitted to the Concept & Protocol Review Subcommittee for review and scoring. The Chair of the Concept & Protocol Review Subcommittee then submits review summary and scores to the Steering Committee for approval and prioritization. Concepts selected by the Steering Committee are then submitted to the NIDA CTN Ad Hoc Oversight Advisory Board for final approval for further protocol development.