

Ko Awatea Research Office Counties Manukau DHB Clinical Support Building Room 253, Level 2 Middlemore Hospital

15 January 2014

Dear Andrew

Thank you for the information you supplied to the Ko Awatea Research Office regarding your research proposal:

Research Registration Number: 1658

Research Project Title: The tolerability and level of discomfort of 15 lpm vs 6 lpm oxygen through a normal nasal cannula

As determined via the NZ Online Forms for Research screening questionnaire, your study does not require HDEC ethical approval as it is outside the scope of review. This scope is described in section three of the *Standard Operating Procedures for Health and Disability Ethics Committees,* May 2012. In particular, because your study does not involve human participants recruited in their capacity as either consumers of health and disability support services or relatives or caregivers of consumers of health and disability support services, your study does not meet the criteria for research requiring ethical review via the New Zealand Health and Disability Ethics Committee.

I am pleased to inform you that the CMDHB Research Committee and Director of Hospital Services have approved this research with you as the CMDHB Co-ordinating Investigator.

Your study is approved until 30 September 2014.

Amendments: Any amendments to your study must be submitted to the Research Office for review. Please note that failure to submit amendments may result in the withdrawal of CMDHB Organisational approval.

We wish you well in your project. Please inform the Research Office when you have completed your study and provide us with a brief final report (1-2 pages) which we will disseminate locally.

Yours sincerely

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