



28 November 2008

Dr Phu Hoang
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Dear Dr Hoang,

Muscle contractures in multiple sclerosis- Prevalence and rehabilitation
(HREC 08288)

Thank you for your email and attachments to Mrs Annamarie D'Souza dated 17 November 2008.

At the Executive Meeting held on 25 November 2008, the Committee provided approval for the above project to proceed. In accordance with the guidelines set out in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans* (NS) and exercising the authority delegated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), I give permission for this project to proceed.

Would you please note:-

- approval is valid for five years (from the date of the executive meeting i.e. 25 November 2008);
- you will be required to provide annual reports on the study's progress and any adverse events to the HREC, as recommended by the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans;
- you are required to immediately report anything which might warrant review of ethical approval of the protocol (NS 2.37), including:
 - (a) serious or unexpected adverse effects on participants;
 - (b) proposed changes in the protocol; and
 - (c) unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project;
- any modifications to the project must have the prior written approval of the Committee;

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- the Ethics Secretariat should be notified if serious or unexpected outcomes are experienced by research participants or if there are unforeseen events;
- consent forms are to be retained within the archives of the Institute and made available to the Committee upon request;
- if this approval relates to a clinical trial any serious adverse event arising in the course of the study should be reported promptly using the proforma on the Human Research Ethics website at <http://www.ro.unsw.edu.au/ethics/human/>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Metcalfe', written in a cursive style.

A/Professor Andrew Metcalfe
Presiding Member
HREC

* <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>