



# KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

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Dr J Newnham  
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Dear Dr Newnham

re: "The origins of disease in the fetus, the child and the young adult: A West Australian cohort study".

The above project has now been approved by the Board of Management.

The Ethics Committee expressed concern that the patient has to sign the consent form to participate in the study before knowing the full content of the questionnaire. It was noted that after signing the consent form the patient may feel obliged to answer all questions, some of which she may feel uncomfortable about. To prevent patients feeling any pressures about participating in the study, the Committee felt a letter should be given to each patient reassuring them that their case at King Edward Memorial Hospital is not dependent on them taking part in the study.

Would you please advise the date of commencement of the project and provide a copy of the findings at its conclusion or in 12 months, whichever comes first? Should there be a delay in commencement of more than 6 months the project would need to be reviewed by the Committee.

Best wishes with your project.

Yours sincerely

Diane M Davies  
Director of Medical Services