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Subject: 2024/ETH01673: Application HREA - Approved
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Date of Decision Notification: **05 Dec 2024**

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for submitting the following Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) for HREC review;

2024/ETH01673: Effect of Virtual Partnered Pharmacist Medication Charting (VPPMC) on length of stay and medication safety for adult patients in rural Australian hospitals

This Application was reviewed as a **Greater than low risk review pathway** and was initially considered by the **Greater Western Human Research Ethics Committee** at its meeting held on **2 October 2024**.

The project has now been determined to meet the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023) and is **APPROVED**.

This email constitutes ethical and scientific approval only.

This project cannot proceed at any site until separate research governance authorisation has been obtained from the Institution at which the research will take place.

This project has been Approved to be conducted at the following sites:

- **Western New South Wales Local Health District (Site)**

The following documentation was reviewed and is included in this approval:

- Letter of Support WNSWLHD
- NSW Health Privacy Questions VPPMC 2024-ETH1673 V2
 - Study Protocol, Protocol-VPPMC-v1.5-19Nov2024 tracked changes.docx
 - More Information Required, Researcher Response Form VPPMC 2024-ETH1673 V2

[Application Documents](#) - (link will only be active for 14 days from the decision date. The approved documents are also available to download from forms section of this project in REGIS)

The Human Research Ethics Application reviewed by the HREC was:

Version: 1.03

Date: 19 Nov 2024

The approval is for a period of 5 years from the date of this e-mail **(05 Dec 2024)**

The Committee granted a waiver of the usual requirement of consent for the use of re-identifiable information held by NSW agencies, in line with the State Privacy Commissioner's Guidelines for Research and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW) and the Guidelines approved under Section 95/95A of the Privacy Act 1988.

The Coordinating Principal Investigator will:

- provide the HREC with an annual report and the final report when the project is completed at all sites. This will be through the submission of a milestone in REGIS.
- immediately report anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project.
- submit proposed amendments to the research protocol, including; the general conduct of the research, changes to CPI or site PI, an extension to HREC approval, or the addition of sites to the HREC before those changes can take effect. This will be through a notification of an amendment in REGIS
- will notify the HREC if the project is discontinued at a participating site before the expected completion date, with reasons provided.

Submission of annual progress/final reports (milestone), amendments and safety reports should be done through the forms provided in REGIS. Guidance on these processes can be found on the [REGIS website](#).

It is noted that the **Greater Western Human Research Ethics Committee** is constituted in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, 2023 (NHMRC).

Please contact us if you would like to discuss any aspects of this process further, as per the contact details below. We look forward to managing this study with you throughout the project lifecycle.

Regards,

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