

18 July 2024

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Dear Miss Martin

Project Id: 108414

Project Title: Transforming care using a transdisciplinary stroke assessment: a multi-site translation study

ERM Form Reference: Human Research Ethics Application (HREC/MML/108414 (V3))

I refer to your application submitted on 14 June 2024.

I write to advise that the Committee of the Mater Misericordiae Ltd Human Research Ethics Committee (MML HREC) reviewed this research application at the 16 July 2024 meeting and I reviewed responses. I am pleased to advise that the project meets the requirement for Low and Negligible Risk Research as set out in the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023](#) (Section 5.1.12 – 5.1.14) and ethical approval for your research has been granted.

A waiver of consent is approved for prescreening approximately 38 - 175 medical records. The waiver of consent is justified on the basis of the National Statement section 2.3.10, and the following guidelines weighing the public interest in accordance with s95A of the Privacy Act section D5 a); c) (iv); d); f); j); and k)(i) and (iv) in relation to potential infringement of Australian Privacy Principle 6. It is understood that information on approximately 48 individuals will be accessed for this work.

The nominated participating sites in this project are:

- Mater Misericordiae Ltd
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Caboolture Hospital
- Hollywood Private Hospital, Western Australia

The nominated supporting research location for this project is:

- The University of Queensland

The committee would like it Noted that the researcher should check with the relevant governance departments at each site regarding any requirements they might have in relation to the Public Health Act.

This letter constitutes ethical approval only. This project cannot proceed at any site until separate Research Governance authorisation has been obtained. At Mater Misericordiae Ltd please contact the Research Governance Office on 07 3163

The documents listed below are included in this approval:

Document Name	Version	Date
Human Research Ethics Application HREC/MML/108414	3	01-Jul-2024
Protocol	1	01-Jul-2024
PICF_Patient_MASTER	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Patient_Redcliffe	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Patient_Caboolture	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Patient_Hollywood Private	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Substitute decision maker_MASTER	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Substitute decision maker_Redcliffe	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Substitute decision maker_Caboolture	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Substitute decision maker_Hollywood Private	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Patient Carer Consumers	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Healthcare Provider_MASTER	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Healthcare Provider_Redcliffe	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Healthcare Provider_Caboolture	1	21-Jun-2024
PICF_Healthcare Provider_Hollywood Private	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix1_TINSA	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix2_FocusGroupQuestions	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix3_Meeting Minute Template	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix4_ConsumerSurvey1	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix5_ConsumerSurvey2	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix6_Assessment Time Recording Sheet	1	21-Jun-2024
Appendix7_Data Collection Spreadsheet	1	21-Jun-2024
WA_specific_module	1	14-Jun-2024
V's - Aleysha Martin, Tegan Scott, Tina Tran, Steven Wityk, Liisa Laakso, Cassidy Hall		
Response Letters	1	21-Jun-2024 and 01-Jul 2024

Approval of this project by the MML HREC is valid from **16 July 2024 to 16 July 2027**, subject to the following conditions being met:

- The Principal Investigator will immediately report anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project.
- The Principal Investigator will notify the MML HREC of any modification that is to be made to the protocol or other project documents and submit any required amendments.
- The Principal Investigator will submit any necessary reports related to the safety of research participants.
- In accordance with *Section 5.5.5 (a)* of the National Statement the Principal Investigator will report to the MML HREC annually, the first report to be submitted by **16 July 2025** and a final report submitted on completion of the study with presentation or publication of main findings.
- The Principal Investigator will notify the MML HREC if the project is discontinued before the expected completion date, with reasons provided.
- The Principal Investigator will notify the MML HREC of any plan to extend the duration of the project past the approval period listed above and will submit any associated required documentation.
- A copy of this ethical approval letter together with completed Site- Specific Assessment (SSA) and any other required documents must be submitted by all site Principal Investigators to the Research Governance Office at each participating institution in a timely manner to enable the institution to authorise the commencement of the project at its site.

Should you have any queries about the MML HREC's consideration of your project, please contact the HREC Liaison Officer on (07) 3163 1585. The MML HREC Terms of Reference, membership and standard forms are available from our [website](#).

The Mater Misericordiae Ltd Human Research Ethics Committee wishes you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely



Professor Michael Kimlin

Acting Chairperson

Mater Misericordiae Ltd Human Research Ethics Committee

This HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023. The processes used by this HREC to review multi-centre research proposals have been certified by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

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