

Research Integrity

Human Research Ethics Committee

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Prof Louise Sharpe
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Dear Prof Louise Sharpe

I am pleased to inform you that the University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved your project entitled "**Online Prevention Treatment Involving Medically Ill Seniors without Depression**".

Details of the approval are as follows:

Project No.: 2013/1029

Approval Date: 3 February 2014

First Annual Report Due: 3 February 2015

Authorised Personnel: Sharpe Louise; McDonald Sarah; Read Jennifer; Dear Blake;

Documents Approved:

Date Uploaded	Type	Document Name
19/10/2013	Other Type	Appx P: Sample letter to GP
24/01/2014	Participant Consent Form	Revised Participant Consent Form
24/01/2014	Participant Info Statement	Revised Participant Information Statement
24/01/2014	Telephone Scripts	Revised Telephone Script
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx A Screening Questionnaire
5/11/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx F: Demographics questionnaire
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx H: Ruminative Response Scale
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx I: Emotion Regulation Questionnaire
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx J: Geriatric Depression Scale
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx K: Patient Health Questionnaire
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx L: Geriatric Anxiety Scale
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx M: Satisfaction with Life Scale
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx N: Sheehan Disability Scale
19/10/2013	Questionnaires/Surveys	Appx O: Visual Analogue Scale
24/01/2014	Questionnaires/Surveys	Full PRIME-MD questionnaire
24/01/2014	Questionnaires/Surveys	Revised Health Questionnaire



HREC approval is valid for four (4) years from the approval date stated in this letter and is granted pending the following conditions being met:

Special Condition/s of Approval

- Provision of ethical approval from the Department of Human Services HREC and Macquarie University HREC, once obtained, will be a condition of approval for this study.

Condition/s of Approval

- Continuing compliance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans.
- Provision of an annual report on this research to the Human Research Ethics Committee from the approval date and at the completion of the study. Failure to submit reports will result in withdrawal of ethics approval for the project.
- All serious and unexpected adverse events should be reported to the HREC within 72 hours.
- All unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project should be reported to the HREC as soon as possible.
- Any changes to the project including changes to research personnel must be approved by the HREC before the research project can proceed.
- Note that for student research projects, a copy of this letter must be included in the candidate's thesis.

Chief Investigator / Supervisor's responsibilities:

1. You must retain copies of all signed Consent Forms (if applicable) and provide these to the HREC on request.
2. It is your responsibility to provide a copy of this letter to any internal/external granting agencies if requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact Research Integrity (Human Ethics) should you require further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

Dr Stephen Assinder
Chair
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 (2007), NHMRC and Universities Australia Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) and the CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice.