



**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

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Dear Dr Partyka

**HREC ref no: 18/113 (LNR/18/POWH/262)**

**Project title: Prehospital eFAST performance: A retrospective review.**

Thank you for submitting the above Low/Negligible Risk (LNR) Application for review by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). Based on the information you have provided and in accordance with the NHMRC guidelines [National Statement 2007 – Section 5 Institutional Responsibilities and “*When does quality assurance in health care require independent ethical review?*” (2003)], this project has been assessed as low risk and is therefore exempt from full HREC review.

The project was first considered by the LNR Committee on 05 June 2018.

I am pleased to advise that ethics approval has been granted for this project to be conducted at the following site(s):

- Ambulance NSW
- Liverpool Hospital
- Westmead Hospital

The following documentation has been approved:

- HREA, submission code AU/1/4A86318 dated 23 May 2018
- Protocol Version 1.0 dated 18 May 2018
- Data Collection Form Version 1.0 dated 18 May 2018

Conditions of approval

1. This approval is valid for 5 years from the date of this letter.
2. Annual reports must be provided on the anniversary of approval.
3. A final report must be provided at the completion of the project.



4. Proposed changes to the research protocol, conduct of the research, or length of approval will be provided to the Committee.
5. The Principal Investigator will immediately report matters which might warrant review of ethical approval, including unforeseen events which might affect the ethical acceptability of the project and any complaints made by study participants.

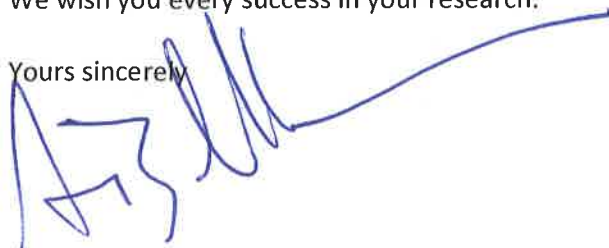
**For NSW Public Health sites only: You are reminded that this letter constitutes ethics approval only. You must not commence this research project until you have submitted your Site Specific Assessment (SSA) to the Research Governance Officer of the appropriate institution and have received a letter of authorisation from them.**

Should you have any queries, please contact the Research Support Office on (02) 9382 3587. The HREC Terms of Reference, Standard Operating Procedures, membership and standard forms are available from the Research Support Office website:  
<http://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/POWH/researchsupport/default.asp>.

Please quote **HREC ref no: 18/113** in all correspondence.

We wish you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Bohlken**

Executive Officer, 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*.