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22 October 2020

Dr Robert Swart
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Dear Dr Swart

PRN: RGS0000004336
 A Single Centre, Investigated-blinded, Randomized, Parallel-group, Superiority Pilot Study to

Project Title: Compare Traditional Training for Chest Drain Insertion to a Novel Immersive Virtual Reality Training Software Program.

Protocol Number: V1.2

Thank you for submitting the above research project for ethical review. The project was considered under the Alternative Review process in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures.

I am pleased to advise you that the above research project meets the requirements of the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)* and ethical approval for this research project has been granted. The South Metropolitan Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee at its meeting to be held on 10 November 2020 will be notified that this project was approved on their behalf.

To find the original letter and any possible attachments, click [here](#) when logged into RGS.

The nominated participating site(s) in this project is/are:

Fiona Stanley Hospital

[Note: If additional sites are recruited prior to the commencement of, or during the research project, the Coordinating Principal Investigator is required to notify the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). Notification of withdrawn sites should also be provided to the HREC in a timely fashion.]

The approved documents include:

Document	Version	Version Date
Participant Information Sheet Consent Form Version 1.2	1.2	18/10/2020
Protocol Version 1.2	1.2	18/10/2020
Recruitment email	1	21/10/2020
TACTIC assessment form	1	13/09/2020
Virtual Reality Insertion of Chest-drain Outcomes Research- VICTOR pre and post survey	1	21/10/2020

Ethical approval of this project from SMHS Low Risk Panel is valid from 22 October 2020 to 22

October 2025 subject to compliance with the 'Conditions of Ethics Approval for a Research Project' (Appendix A).

The following project specific conditions must also be met:

PICF

- Please remove the local HREC Office contact details in full from the PICF, these are not required. Please note this change does not require this document to be resubmitted to Ethics and does not require a further version/date change. Please update before issuing to participants.

A copy of this ethical approval letter must be submitted by all site Principal Investigators to the Research Governance Office or equivalent body or individual at each participating institution in a timely manner to enable the institution to authorise the commencement of the project at its site/s.

This letter constitutes ethical approval only. This project cannot proceed at any site until separate site authorisation has been obtained from the Chief Executive or Delegate of the site under whose auspices the research will be conducted at that site. **Please ensure this is submitted with the site authorisation application to the Research Governance Office.**

Should you have any queries about the SMHS Low Risk Panel's consideration of your project, please contact the Ethics Office at SMHS.HREC@health.wa.gov.au or on 08 6152 2064. The HREC's Terms of Reference, Standard Operating Procedures and membership are available from the Ethics Office or from <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/About-us/South-Metropolitan-Health-Service/Involving-our-community/Research-at-South-Metropolitan-Health-Service/For-South-Metropolitan-Health-Service-researchers>.

The HREC wishes you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely
Deborah Matthews
Delegate of the Chair
South Metropolitan Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee