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Mr David Young
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Dear Mr Young,

HREC Reference number: 265

Project title: The Effects of Surgery on Plasma Vitamin Levels and Cognitive Function

Thank you for submitting the above research project for ethical review. This project was considered by The Avenue Hospital HREC at its meeting held on 19 February 2019, 16 April 2019 and 18 June 2019.

I am pleased to advise you that The Avenue Hospital HREC has granted ethical approval of this research project.

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

- The Avenue Hospital, 40 The Avenue, Windsor, Vic, 3181

[Note: If additional sites are engaged prior to the commencement of, or during the research project, the Coordinating Principal Investigator is required to notify The Avenue Hospital HREC Notification of withdrawn sites should also be provided to The Avenue Hospital HREC in a timely fashion.]

The approved documents include:

Document	Version	Date
Protocol	1	Your email dated 30 April 2019
PICF – surgery group	1	Your email dated 30 April 2019
PICF – surgery-control group	1	Your email dated 18 March 2019

Approval of this project from The Avenue Hospital HREC is valid from 23 June 2019 to 23 June 2024 subject to the following conditions being met:

- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will immediately report anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project.
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will notify The Avenue Hospital HREC of any event that requires a modification to the protocol or other project documents and submit any required amendments in accordance with the instructions provided by the HREC. These instructions can be found at:
<http://www.theavenuehospital.com.au/Our%20Doctors/Human%20Research%20and%20Ethics%20Committee>
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will submit any necessary reports related to the safety of research participants in accordance with The Avenue Hospital HREC policy and procedures. These instructions can be found at:
<http://www.theavenuehospital.com.au/Our%20Doctors/Human%20Research%20and%20Ethics%20Committee>
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will report to The Avenue Hospital HREC annually in the specified format and notify the HREC when the project is completed at all sites.
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will notify The Avenue Hospital HREC if the project is discontinued at a participating site before the expected completion date, with reasons provided.
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will notify The Avenue Hospital HREC of any plan to extend the duration of the project past the approval period listed above and will submit any associated required documentation. Instructions for obtaining an extension of approval can be found at:
<http://www.theavenuehospital.com.au/Our%20Doctors/Human%20Research%20and%20Ethics%20Committee>
- The Coordinating Principal Investigator will notify The Avenue Hospital HREC of his or her inability to continue as Coordinating Principal Investigator including the name of and contact information for a replacement.

A copy of this ethical approval letter must be submitted by all site Principal Investigators to the Research Governance Office or equivalent 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 research governance authorisation has been obtained from the CEO or Delegate of the institution under whose auspices the research will be conducted at that site.

Should you have any queries about The Avenue Hospital HREC's consideration of your project please contact Monique Baldwin. The Avenue Hospital HREC Terms of Reference, Standard Operating Procedures, membership and standard forms are available from
BaldwinMonique@ramsayhealth.com.au.

The Avenue Hospital HREC wishes you every success in your research.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Monique Baldwin
HREC Coordinator

For
Mr Matt Evans
The Avenue Hospital HREC Chair

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)*. The processes used by this HREC to review multi-centre research proposals have been certified by the National Health and Medical Research Council.