



01 August 2019

Mr Brett Knowles
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Dear Mr Knowles,

LNR HREC reference number: LNR/18/SVHM/290

St Vincent's local reference number: LRR 062/18

Study Title: The Efficacy and Acceptability of Telemedicine versus In-person Follow-up after Uncomplicated, Benign General Surgical Procedures.

Thank you for submitting an amendment to the aforementioned project. I am pleased to inform you that the amendment has been approved.

Approved Documents

Document	Version	Date
Study Protocol	4.0	21 Jun 2019
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne – Participant Information Sheet/Consent Form	3.0	24 Jun 2019
Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Telehealth	1.0	21 Jun 2019
Recruitment Flowchart	-	

Approval Status: FINAL

Approval is given in accordance with the research conforming to the *National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* and the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*.

Approval is subject to:

- The Principal Researcher is to ensure that all associate researchers are aware of the terms of approval and to ensure the project is conducted as specified in the application and in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).
- Immediate notification to the Research Governance Unit of any serious adverse events on participants.
- Immediate notification of any unforeseen events that may affect the continuing ethical acceptability of the project;
- Notification and reasons for ceasing the project prior to its expected date of completion;

- Notification of approved amendments to the study.
- Submission of an annual report, due on the anniversary date of approval, for the duration of the study.
- Submission of reviewing HREC approval for any proposed modifications to the project;
- Submission of a final report and papers published on completion of project;
- Projects may be subject to an audit or any other form of monitoring by the Research Governance Unit at any time.

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This approval will be noted by the full HREC at the next available meeting.

The HREC wishes you and your colleagues every success in your research.

Yours sincerely,



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