



## Ethical Approval

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## Royal Melbourne Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee

14 September 2022

Dear A/Prof Peter Gibbs,

**HREC Reference Number:** HREC/85893/MH-2022

**Royal Melbourne Hospital Site Reference Number:** 2022.009

**Project Title:** Biomarker informed optimal management of advanced RAS wild type colorectal cancer.

I am pleased to advise that the above project has **received ethical approval** from the Royal Melbourne Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The HREC confirms that your proposal meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). This HREC is organised and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHRMC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), and all subsequent updates, and in accordance with the Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95), the Health Privacy Principles described in the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) and Section 95A of the Privacy Act 1988 (and subsequent Guidelines).

**HREC Approval Date:** 12 September 2022

**Ethical approval for this project applies at the following sites:**

Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royal Melbourne Hospital</li> <li>• Austin Health</li> <li>• Calvary Mater Newcastle</li> <li>• Fiona Stanley Hospital</li> <li>• Icon Cancer Centre</li> <li>• Latrobe Regional Hospital</li> <li>• Newcastle Private Hospital</li> <li>• Northern Health</li> <li>• Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre</li> <li>• South West Healthcare</li> <li>• Western Health</li> <li>• Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI)</li> </ul>

### Approved Documents:

The following documents have been reviewed and approved:

Document	Version	Date
Protocol	1.0	31 August 2022
Master Main Participant Information Sheet/Consent Form	1.0	16 August 2022
Master Pre-screening Participant Information Sheet/Consent Form	1.0	16 August 2022
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Fiona Stanley Hospital (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Austin Health (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Calvary Mater (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Latrobe Regional Hospital (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Northern Health (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Newcastle Private Hospital (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – South West Healthcare (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Western Health (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – Icon Cancer Centre (standard)	-	-
Radiation Safety Officer Report – RMH and PMCC (standard)	-	-
Diagnostic Imaging Medical Physics Risk Assessment for Clinical Trial – RMH (not applicable)	-	-

Noted Document	Version	Date
Agreement to Undertake Ethical Review of Human Research for an External Entity between Melbourne Health and Integrated Clinical Oncology Network	-	-
NSW Privacy Addition to National Ethics Application Form	-	-
Victoria Specific Medical Physics Risk Assessment	-	-
WA Specific Module	-	-

#### **Governance Authorisation:**

Governance Authorisation is required at each site participating in the study before the research project can commence at that site.

You are required to provide a copy of this HREC approval letter to the principal investigator for each site covered by this ethics approval for inclusion in the site specific assessment application.

#### **Conditions of Ethics Approval:**

- You are required to submit to the HREC:
  - An Annual Progress Report (that covers all sites listed on approval) for the duration of the project. This report is due by 31 March each year. Continuation of ethics approval is

contingent on submission of an annual report being submitted by 31 March each year. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension/withdrawal of the project by the HREC.

- A comprehensive Final Report upon completion of the project.
- Submit to the reviewing HREC for approval any proposed amendments to the project including any proposed changes to the Protocol, Participant Information and Consent Form/s and the Investigator Brochure.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of any adverse events that have a material impact on the conduct of the research in accordance with the NHMRC's Safety Monitoring and Reporting in Clinical Trials Involving Therapeutic Goods (2016) guideline.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of your inability to continue as Coordinating Principal Investigator.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of the failure to commence the study within 12 months of the HREC approval date or if a decision is taken to end the study at any of the sites prior to the expected date of completion.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of any matters which may impact the conduct of the project.
- If your project involves radiation, you are legally obliged to conduct your research in accordance with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Code of Practice 'Exposure of Humans to Ionizing Radiation for Research Purposes' Radiation Protection series Publication No.8 (May 2005)(ARPANSA Code).

Please note: Template forms for reporting Amendments, safety reporting, Annual/Final reports, etc. can be accessed from: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/clinical-trials-and-research/clinical-trial-research/monitoring-reporting>

#### **NSW sites**

If your trial includes participants in NSW who may be incapable of providing valid consent to participate for themselves, the HREC suggest that you make yourself aware of the provisions of the *Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016*. Prior to commencing your trial in NSW, you may need to make an application to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) for approval for your trial to proceed as well as to provide direction on the appropriate consent mechanism. Please note that the Act contains serious penalties for conducting clinical trial research on non-competent participants without proper authorisation.

The HREC may conduct an audit of the project at any time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Colman', written in a cursive style.

Prof Peter Colman  
Chair – Royal Melbourne Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)