

08 October 2015

Mrs Eileen Gilder
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Dear Mrs Gilder

Re: Ethics ref:	15/NTB/138
Study title:	Avoidance of endotracheal suction in post-operative cardiac patients

I am pleased to advise that this application has been approved by the Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee. This decision was made through the HDEC-Full Review pathway.

Conditions of HDEC approval

HDEC approval for this study is subject to the following conditions being met prior to the commencement of the study in New Zealand. It is your responsibility, and that of the study's sponsor, to ensure that these conditions are met. No further review by the Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee is required.

Standard conditions:

1. Before the study commences at *any* locality in New Zealand, all relevant regulatory approvals must be obtained.
2. Before the study commences at *any* locality in New Zealand, it must be registered in a WHO-approved clinical trials registry (such as the Australia New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry, www.anzctr.org.au).
3. Before the study commences at *a given* locality in New Zealand, it must be authorised by that locality in Online Forms. Locality authorisation confirms that the locality is suitable for the safe and effective conduct of the study, and that local research governance issues have been addressed.

After HDEC review

Please refer to the *Standard Operating Procedures for Health and Disability Ethics Committees* (available on www.ethics.health.govt.nz) for HDEC requirements relating to amendments and other post-approval processes.

Your next progress report is due by 07 October 2016.

Participant access to ACC

The Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee is satisfied that your study is not a clinical trial that is to be conducted principally for the benefit of the manufacturer or distributor of the medicine or item being trialled. Participants injured as a result of treatment received as part of your study may therefore be eligible for publicly-funded compensation through the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

Please don't hesitate to contact the HDEC secretariat for further information. We wish you all the best for your study.

Yours sincerely,



Raewyn Sporle
Chairperson
Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee

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appendix B: statement of compliance and list of members

Appendix A
Documents submitted

<i>Document</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>
CV for CI: CV - Eileen Gilder	1	21 July 2015
PIS/CF: ICF	1	21 July 2015
Survey/questionnaire: Patient interview	1	21 July 2015
Evidence of scientific review: A+ funding review letter	1	24 June 2015
Covering Letter: Covering letter	1	22 July 2015
Protocol: Protocol	2	22 July 2015
PIS/CF: Update ICF, following HDEC review and request	2	04 August 2015
Statistician report for study	1	10 September 2015
Covering Letter: Covering letter in reply to HDEC review	2	14 September 2015

Appendix B Statement of compliance and list of members

Statement of compliance

The Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee:

- is constituted in accordance with its Terms of Reference
- operates in accordance with the *Standard Operating Procedures for Health and Disability Ethics Committees*, and with the principles of international good clinical practice (GCP)
- is approved by the Health Research Council of New Zealand's Ethics Committee for the purposes of section 25(1)(c) of the Health Research Council Act 1990
- is registered (number 00008715) with the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP).

List of members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Mrs Raewyn Sporle	Lay (the law)	01/07/2012	01/07/2015
Mrs Maliaga Erick	Lay (consumer/community perspectives)	01/07/2012	01/07/2015
Mrs Phyllis Huitema	Lay (consumer/community perspectives)	19/05/2014	19/05/2017
Dr Nora Lynch	Non-lay (health/disability service provision)	01/07/2015	01/07/2018
Miss Tangihaere Macfarlane	Lay (consumer/community perspectives)	19/05/2014	19/05/2017
Mrs Kate O'Connor	Non-lay (other)	01/07/2013	01/07/2016
Mrs Stephanie Pollard	Non-lay (intervention studies)	01/07/2012	01/07/2015

Unless members resign, vacate or are removed from their office, every member of HDEC shall continue in office until their successor comes into office (HDEC Terms of Reference)

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