

## **Carla Sunner (Hunter New England LHD)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** Michelle Giles (Hunter New England LHD)  
**Cc:** Carla Sunner (Hunter New England LHD)  
**Subject:** 2019/ETH12853: Application HREA - Approved

Date of Decision Notification: 07 Nov 2019

Dear Dr Giles

Thank you for submitting the following Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) for HREC review;

2019/ETH12853: Partnerships in Aged-Care Emergency services using Interactive Telehealth (PACE-IT).

This project was considered by the Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee at its meeting held on 6/11/2019 and was determined to meet the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).

This project has been Approved to be conducted at the following sites:

- Belmont Hospital
- John Hunter Hospital
- Tamworth Hospital
- Orange Health Service

*PLEASE NOTE:* The following Residential Aged Care Facilities have agreed to participate:

- Bupa Aged Care, Tamworth
- Calare Aged Care, Orange
- Gosling Creek Aged Care, Orange
- Nazareth House RACF, Tamworth
- Opal Cherrywood Grove, Orange
- Opal Hillside RACF, Mount Hutton
- Opal Macquarie Place RACF, Cameron Park
- SummitCare RACF, Wallsend
- Uniting Alblas Lodge, Tamworth
- Uniting Lindsay Gardens, Hamilton
- Uniting Narla Village RACF, Belmont North
- Uniting McKay House, Tamworth
- Uniting Wantama, Orange
- Wallsend RACF, Wallsend
- Whiddon, Belmont
- Whiddon, Redhead

The following documentation was reviewed and is included in this approval:

- HREA (Version 5 created 5 November 2019)
- Response to HNEHREC requirements (dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE IT Project Description/Protocol (Version 2 dated 23 October 2019)
- PACE-IT Focus Group Protocol for RACF Staff (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Pre and Post Implementation Focus Group Protocol for ACE/ASET Staff (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Information Statement for RACF Staff Focus Group (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Consent Form for Staff Focus Group (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Survey Information Statement for RACF Staff (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Survey RACF Staff (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IF Interview Protocol for RACF Resident and Carer (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Information Statement for RACF Carer Interview (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Information Statement for RACF Resident Interview (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)
- PACE-IT Consent Form for RACF Resident or Carer Interview (Version 1 dated 5 November 2019)

[Application Documents](#) - (Please note : Due to security reasons, this link will only be active for 14 days.)

It is noted that the Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee is constituted in accordance with the National Statement on Human Conduct in Research, 2007 (NHMRC). The approval is for a period of 5 years from the date of this e-mail (07 Nov 2019) , on condition of the submission of Annual Reports.

We wish you all the best with the project and remind you that any changes to the application and safety reports will need to be submitted and reviewed by the approving HREC prior to implementation.

This email constitutes ethical and scientific approval only.

This project cannot proceed at any site until separate research governance authorisation has been obtained from the Institution under whose auspices the research will be conducted at that site.

This HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the 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.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss any aspects of this process further, as per the contact details below. We look forward to managing this application with you throughout the project lifecycle.

Kind regards

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