

## ETHICS COMMITTEE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

<b>Project ID</b>	82364
<b>Local Reference Number</b>	21/224
<b>Review Reference</b>	HREC/82364/VICBH-2022-315249(v3)
<b>Project Title</b>	Advanced osteoarthritis and joint replacement surgery – investigating associations of physical activity and sedentary behaviour with health status and postoperative outcomes - the AORA study
<b>Principal Researcher</b>	Dr Stephen Gill
<b>Approval Date</b>	24/05/2022

The above project was considered by the Barwon Health Human Research Ethics Committee and having fulfilled the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), has been approved.

**Please note that this certificate pertains to HREC approval only, it does not include governance authorisation and full approval for study commencement.**

The documents reviewed and approved are:

Document Type	File Name	Date	Version
Victorian specific module (VSM)	VSM- 2.0		
Curriculum vitae	CV 2022	07/03/2022	1
Questionnaire	IPAQ-TM	29/03/2022	1
Questionnaire	Sleep quality questionnaire	29/03/2022	1
Protocol	Study protocol, V1.4	08/05/2022	3
Participant information and consent form	PICF V1.7	08/05/2022	7

It is the Principal Researcher's responsibility to ensure that all researchers associated with this project are aware of the conditions of approval and which documents have been approved.

The Principal Researcher is required to notify the Research Ethics, Governance & Integrity (REGI) Unit, via amendment or report, of:

- Any significant change to the project and the reason for that change, including an indication of ethical implications (if any);
- Any serious adverse effects on participants and the action taken to address those effects;

- Any other unforeseen events or unexpected developments that merit notification;
- The inability of the Principal Researcher to continue in their role, or any other change in research personnel involved in the project;
- A delay of more than 12 months in the commencement of the project;
- Annual progress reports on the progress of the project and at the conclusion of the project. Failure to report as required may result in suspension of your approval to proceed with the project, and;
- If applicable, please provide the clinical trial registration number.

This approval covers the project as described in the application (including any modifications made prior to approval).

***Please quote the Barwon Health reference number and title in all future correspondence.***

Forms for reporting changes to the project and annual/final reports are completed and submitted on the ERM website at <https://au.forms.ethicalreviewmanager.com/ProjectView/Index/82364>.

All research subject to the Barwon Health HREC review must be conducted in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). Barwon Health may conduct an audit at any time.

The Barwon Health HREC is a properly constituted Human Research Ethics Committee in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).

On behalf of the Committee, best wishes for your project.

Regards,



**Mr Richard Larsen  
Research Ethics Officer  
Research Ethics, Governance & Integrity (REGI) Unit  
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**on behalf of**

**Dr Heather Wellington  
Chair  
Human Research Ethics Committee**