

## RESEARCH AGREEMENT

I ....., being Principal Researcher of the investigation titled:

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agree to the following conditions:

1. The research will be conducted in accordance with the attached application for RRCSEC approval.
2. The research project will not commence until it has been approved by the RRCSEC.
3. Approval will be obtained from the RRCSEC before altering the methods of the research project.
4. All information and data collected will only be used for the research project stated in the attached application.
5. All information provided by RRCS, or obtained from RRCS staff or persons under the care of RRCS, will remain strictly confidential. Published data will not contain any information that can identify any patient, resident or staff member.
6. The assistance of RRCS will be acknowledged in all reports, papers and publications resulting from this research project.
7. A report will be submitted to the RRCSEC every 12 months from the date of approval, and a final report will be submitted on completion of the project. I understand that failure to submit reports can result in approval for the project being withdrawn.
8. A copy of all reports, papers and publications resulting from this research project will be provided to RRCS's librarian at no cost to RRCS. (Student research projects and theses excepted from this condition.)
9. The research project will cease if approval is withdrawn by the RRCSEC.
10. Projects are approved on the condition that the RRCS Ethics Committee is immediately notified of any circumstances that may warrant ethical review of the protocol. These circumstances include: serious or unexpected adverse effects/ events on participants, proposed changes in protocol or unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project.
11. Projects are approved for a period of three years. If the project is to continue beyond the initial three-year period, a reapplication or written request for an extension of time will be necessary.
12. I will inform the RRCS Ethics Committee, giving reasons, if the research project is discontinued before the expected date of completion.
13. I have read and agree to abide by *the NH&MRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007*.
14. I am aware that investigators not employed by RRCS are not covered for indemnity and therefore, if they will be undertaking/ conducting their research activities in relation to this project at RRCS, will be required to provide evidence of appropriate indemnity insurance.

This Agreement is to be signed and dated by all investigators listed in the research proposal application. This Research Agreement is to accompany the research approval application to the RRCSEC. (In the case of a student research project, the student and student's supervisor must sign this agreement.) Review of the application will not proceed if this Agreement is not signed by all investigators listed in the application form.

**Note:** This Research Agreement must be accompanied by written endorsement of this research proposal from the Unit Medical Director under whom the patients involved in this project are/have been admitted.

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