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Associate Professor Suzanne Abraham
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Dear Suzanne

THE NORTHSIDE GROUP ETHICS COMMITTEE APPLICATION:
Long-term predictors of function gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs) in
eating disorder patients

The above protocol was considered at the Ethics Committee Meeting held on 4 July 2013 and committee members agreed that this study could proceed subject to the amendments you have since made to the application.

The documents submitted for review and subsequently approved were:

- Application form
- Questionnaires
- Patient information sheet
- Patient consent form

The following conditions also apply to the research protocol.

1. The investigator shall permit the work to be monitored by the committee and make available to the committee such records or documents as it may reasonably require.
2. The investigator shall provide an annual report to the committee concerning the progress of the research.
3. The investigator to take all possible steps to preserve confidentiality in regard to any information obtained from a patient and will not divulge any personal identification details to any other person.
4. The Ethics Committee should be informed of any changes to the Research Protocol.
5. All personnel involved in this research study must be appropriately credentialed by The Northside Group. Please contact Anthea Sutton (02 9433 3555 or suttona@ramsayhealth.com.au) to organise this.

We also wish to draw two other points to your attention:

Firstly, the Committee has considered the protocol only in regard to patients of The Northside Group of hospitals and our advice is not given in relation to similar or associated research work being undertaken with any other patients.

Secondly, if part of the research work has already been done prior to the protocol being referred to the Committee, the Committee cannot give retrospective advice in regard to such work, and this letter does not express any opinion or indicate any approval in relation to such work as may have already been done.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

PROFESSOR GORDON JOHNSON
Chair
The Northside Group Ethics Committee