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Mr C Young
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Dear Mr Young,

Re: Protocol No X06-0308 - "anorectal physiology incontinence score – role in incontinence and surgery"

The Executive of the Ethics Review Committee, at its meeting of 5 March 2007, considered Dr C Koh's correspondence of 1 March 2007. In accordance with the decision made by the Ethics Review Committee, at its meeting of 6 December 2006, approval is now granted to proceed.

You are asked to note the following:

- This approval is valid for four years, and the Committee requires that you furnish it with annual reports on the study's progress beginning in March 2008.
- This approval relates to the ethical content of the study only, and you are responsible for the following:
 - negotiating individual arrangements with the Heads of service departments in those situations where the use of their resources is involved,
 - arranging an identity pass for any researcher who is not employed by the Sydney South West Area Health Service. You should contact the Ethics Officer on 02 9515 7899 for advice on this matter, and

- if appropriate, informing the study sponsor that the membership and procedures of the SSWAHS Ethics Review Committee (RPAH Zone) comply with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans.
- If you or any of your co-investigators are University of Sydney employees or have a conjoint appointment, you are responsible for informing the University's Risk Management Office of this approval, so that you can be appropriately indemnified.

Yours sincerely,



pp Lesley Townsend
Secretary
Ethics Review Committee (RPAH Zone)

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