



October 18, 2011

Patrick Yachimski, M.D.,MPH  
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**RE: IRB# 111379 "Prevalence of subsquamous intestinal metaplasia in Barrett's esophagus endoscopic mucosal resection specimens"**

Dear Patrick Yachimski, M.D.,MPH:

A designee of the Institutional Review Board reviewed the Request for Exemption application identified above. It was determined the study poses minimal risk to participants. This study meets 45 CFR 46.101 (b) category (4) for Exempt Review. Approval is extended for the Request for Exemption application dated October 17, 2011 and the data collection sheet received October 4, 2011.

Any changes to this proposal that may alter its exempt status should be presented to the IRB for approval prior to implementation of the changes. In accordance with IRB Policy III.C, amendments will be accepted up to one year from the date of approval. If such changes are requested beyond this time frame, submission of a new proposal is required.

**DATE OF IRB APPROVAL: October 18, 2011**

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Compliance Analyst, Clinical  
Health Sciences Committee #2  
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