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**Dear Dr. Kaplan:**

**RE: Peptic Ulcer Disease and Variceal Bleeding: Environmental Factors, Epidemiologic Trends and Burden of Disease**

**Ethics ID: E-22347**

**Student: Mr. Christopher Ma, Mr. Bruce Musgrave**

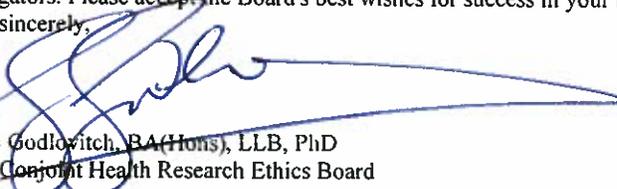
The above-noted proposal including the Protocol has been submitted for Board review and found to be ethically acceptable.

Please note that this approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) consent for access to personal identified health information in chart review is not required on grounds considered under Section 50 of the Health Information Act, on the grounds it is unfeasible;
- (2) a copy of the informed consent form must have been given to each research subject, if required for this study;
- (3) a Progress Report must be submitted by **July 28, 2010**, containing the following information:
  - i) the number of subjects recruited;
  - ii) a description of any protocol modification;
  - iii) any unusual and/or severe complications, adverse events or unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others, withdrawal of subjects from the research, or complaints about the research;
  - iv) a summary of any recent literature, finding, or other relevant information, especially information about risks associated with the research;
  - v) a copy of the current informed consent form;
  - vi) the expected date of termination of this project.
- 4) a Final Report must be submitted at the termination of the project.

Please note that you have been named as the principal collaborator on this study because students are not permitted to serve as principal investigators. Please accept the Board's best wishes for success in your research.

Yours sincerely,



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