

07 June 2016

To: Associate Professor Paul Gow  
Liver Transplant Unit  
Austin Health

Project: Title: Evaluation of Prognostic Factors for Survival in Patients With  
HCC Undergoing Treatment With Transarterial Chemoembolisation  
(TACE)

Dear Associate Professor Gow

Thank you for your application and email dated 13 May 2016. It is our understanding that this application is a Quality Improvement & Innovation project involving collection, use and disclosure of data in a de-identified format to be conducted at Austin Health. Such data is to be accessed by an Austin Health employee only. As such, we advise that it does not raise any ethical concerns and does not fall within the category of a 'research' project within the National Statement on Ethical Conduct In Human Research (NHMRC, 2007). This project does not require submission to the Austin Health Human Research Ethics Committee. In addition, this Quality Improvement & Innovation project can be described as an activity to monitor, improve and evaluate the quality of health services provided by Austin Health.

Please note this letter only pertains to the Quality & Service Improvement project being conducted at Austin Health. If it is intended the Quality & Service Improvement project will be conducted at another institution, the appropriate review and authorisation will be required prior to commencement at another institution.

**Documents Noted:**

Monash Health approval letter dated 07 May 2016  
Monash Health approval letter dated 09 May 2016  
Austin Health Study Protocol version 2.0  
LNR Vic Form signed 02 May 2016  
MOU signed 07 June 2016

Please ensure you register this project with the quality department on the Riskman register. If you require assistance with this process please email [riskman@austin.org.au](mailto:riskman@austin.org.au)

Yours sincerely,

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