

Dear Editor,

Please find attached the REB approval form for the EARLY study. As you will see, the need for consent was waived as this was a retrospective chart review with all identifying information removed from the database.

Sincerely,

Ari Joffe, for the Co-authors.

## Approval

Date: March 13, 2013  
 Study ID: Pro00031805  
 Principal Investigator: Ari Joffe  
 Study Title: EARly outcomes of Liver transplantation in Young children: the EARLY study  
 Approval Expiry Date: March 12, 2014

Thank you for submitting the above study to the Health Research Ethics Board - Health Panel . Your application has been reviewed and approved on behalf of the committee.

The Health Research Ethics Board assessed all matters required by section 50(1)(a) of the Health Information Act. It has been determined that the research described in the ethics application is a retrospective chart review for which subject consent for access to personally identifiable health information would not be reasonable, feasible or practical. Subject consent therefore is not required for access to personally identifiable health information described in the ethics application.

In order to comply with the Health Information Act, a copy of the approval form is being sent to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

A renewal report must be submitted next year prior to the expiry of this approval if your study still requires ethics approval. If you do not renew on or before the renewal expiry date (March 12, 2014), you will have to re-submit an ethics application.

Approval by the Health Research Ethics Board does not encompass authorization to access the patients, staff or resources of Alberta Health Services or other local health care institutions for the purposes of the research. Enquiries regarding Alberta Health approvals should be directed to (780) 407-604. Enquiries regarding Covenant Health approvals should be directed to (780) 735-2274.

Sincerely,

Carol Boliek, Ph.D.  
 Associate Chair, Health Research Ethics Board - Health Panel

*Note: This correspondence includes an electronic signature (validation and approval via an online system).*