

THIS EMAIL CONSTITUTES HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPROVAL AND AUSTIN HEALTH SITE SPECIFIC AUTHORISATION (edit 24Jun2026)

Dear Kate Khamly,

Thank you for submitting the following Participant Information and Consent Form/s (PICF) to the Austin Health Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) for review: **00031721: Data Sharing PICF Project**

The PICF was reviewed at the HREC meeting on **Monday 2 February 2026** and it was determined that it met the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023) and has been approved by the Austin Health HREC.

The date of approval is: **25/2/2026**.

The following Austin Health documents were authorised:

- AH_Generic PICF_data sharing_dated 21Jan2026

The following documents were acknowledged:

- WPG_Information sharing consent form

Condition of Approval: The information obtained from the participants are used solely for the purpose of assessing potential eligibility. These data are retained only for the duration of the recruitment period and then confidentially destroyed.

Site responsibility:

- This email is your site-specific approval letter.
- The PICF is to ensure participants are systematically informed of the purpose and scope of minimal data sharing, the voluntary nature of their participation, the temporary retention of de-identified logs, and their rights to withdraw.

You are required to submit to the HREC:

- An Annual Progress Report is due on the anniversary of HREC approval. Continuation of ethics approval is contingent on submission of an annual report, due within one month of the approval anniversary. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension of the project by the HREC.

- Submit to the reviewing HREC for approval of any proposed amendments to the PICF.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of your inability to continue as Principal Investigator.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of any matters, which may affect the use of the PICF.

This HREC is organised and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHRC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023), and all subsequent updates, and in accordance with the Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95), the Health Privacy Principles described in the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) and Section 95A of the Privacy Act 1988 (and subsequent Guidelines).

The HREC may conduct an audit of this project at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Discovery & Innovation Unit on:

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Kind regards,

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Call us on (03) 9496 4090 from 10am - 2pm Monday to Thursday. Call backs will be returned as soon as we can.

Your queries are important to us and we look forward to working with you to ensure safe and responsible research conduct.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We celebrate, value and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.

Austin Health Discovery and Innovation Unit

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