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Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

RE: Management of Occult Pneumothoraces in Mechanically Ventilated Patients - Calgary Pilot Study -Ethics ID: 18724

Your request to modify the above-named protocol consent forms has been reviewed and approved.

Please be advised that it is permissible for you to use the revised Consent Form (Version 1, dated July 22, 2008) and revised Surrogate Consent Form (Version 1, dated July 22, 2008) with Regained Capacity Consent Form (Version 1, dated July 22, 2008), based on your original correspondence of June 11, 2008 and follow-up package of July 22, 2008.

A progress report concerning this study is required annually, from the date of the original approval (2006-03-30).

The report should contain information concerning:

the number of subjects recruited:

a description of any protocol modification: (ii)

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;

a summary of any recent literature, finding, or other relevant information, especially information about risks associated with the research;

a copy of the current informed consent form;

the expected date of termination of this project. (vi)

Thank you for the attention, which I know you will bring to these matters.

Yours sincerely

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