Human Research Ethics Committee

Metro North Health B EC00168

Projects granted a waiver of consent in 2024

In certain circumstances, it is justifiable to grant a waiver of consent, as opposed to obtaining informed consent from research participants. Conditions for granting a waiver of consent are outlined in Section 2.3.10 of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023. In accordance with the National Statement each institution has a responsibility to make accessible summary descriptions for research projects for which consent has been waived. Table 1 contains a full list of research projects granted a waiver of consent as per the National Statement by Metro North Health B Human Research Ethics Committee EC00168.

Table 1: Research Projects granted a waiver of consent in 2024

Investigating the progression from Barrett's oesophagus to oesophageal cancer.

An Evaluation of the Accuracy and Efficiency of Exactrac Dynamic Pre-Positioning Versus Tattoo-Based Positioning for Chest Radiation Therapy.

Risk Factors and Obstetric Outcomes in Mothers Diagnosed to have Vasa Previa at the Royal Brisbane and Womens' Hospital - A Retrospective Cohort Study.

Understanding patient outcomes and healthcare utilisation for patients with severe inflammatory bowel disease: a data linkage study.

Long-term statewide data linkage study of trends in haemodialysis catheter outcomes.

A Qualitative Study into the Experience of Patients with Drug Resistant Epilepsy who received Modified Actions Diet therapies at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Imaging surveillance of cutaneous melanoma in an active treatment cohort: A single centre retrospective review of disease recurrence, modality comparison and radiation dose implications.

Australasian Burns Critical Care Observational Study.

Double-tract Reversal of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass: A Novel Technique.

Complex community case management of mental health patients open to Wide Bay Mental Health Services from 1st of January 2022 to 20th of October 2023: A quantitative study.

A retrospective cohort study of the associations between early fluid resuscitation strategies and patient outcomes in severe burns over a five-year period in Queensland.

The changing landscape of death location: A retrospective audit to identify factors influencing the preferred place of death and the actual death location of individuals receiving community-based specialist palliative care support.

Retrospective cohort study of chemical VTE prophylaxis prescribing practice variation and associated outcomes in trauma patients admitted to the ICU of a major metropolitan trauma unit over 4 years.

Community Connectors Program.

Violent offenders in the night-time economy: Building the evidence.



Digitisation to improve outbreak management in residential aged care facilities.

Relative Effectiveness of Different Lead Shielding Solutions in the Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory.

Gastrojejunal anastomosis resizing with Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC) and Overstitch procedures to manage weight regain after weight loss surgery.

A retrospective audit of PFO closure device insertion for cryptogenic strokes in an Australian Tertiary Hospital.

Duration of referral-to-death and its influencing factors among cancer and non-cancer patients referred to specialist palliative care: a perspective from Residential Aged Care.

Considering parents and parenting in recovery from serious mental illness.

Retrospective study of the outcomes of definitive and adjuvant chemoradiotherapy in elderly patients with head and neck cancer.

Tocilizumab induced neutropenia as a predictor of biologic persistence in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Predicting mental health-related emergency department re-presentations: Time-to-first event analysis focusing on ≤28-days.

Management of hyperkalaemia with Intravenous Insulin - ETC Trial Form.

Persistent opioid use in critically ill patients following intensive care admission.

Exploring Barriers to Breast Imaging: Applying a Patent Centred Co-design Approach in a Regional Hospital.

Examination of the profile and clinical journey of patients referred to an Acute Care Team in Queensland- a retrospective descriptive cohort study.

Effectiveness of Non-invasive Ventilation in Treating Nocturnal Hypoventilation in Myotonic Dystrophy: A Retrospective Study.

Epidemiology of overseas acquired infectious diseases in Australian travellers.

Incidence and follow-up of extra-cardiac findings on cardiac computed tomography: a single tertiary centre experience. 'Watching our blind spot.'

Actinomycin D and Methotrexate as First Line Management for Low-Risk Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia: A Comparison at 2 Tertiary Hospitals.

Consumer initiated escalation system.

An international survey of continuous subcutaneous infusions: is there an unmet need for extended infusions 48 hours and beyond? [SCUTI48]

Withdrawal from renal replacement therapy in the context of an established Kidney Supportive Care clinic.

Retrospective analysis of USS and MRI accuracy in diagnosing placenta praevia and placenta accreta spectrum in pregnant women: A comparison between imaging, surgical findings and histopathology following delivery.

Synthesise knowledge and establish metrics on product-related injuries and deaths to older persons (Study 2).

A retrospective cohort study of variations in practice in the management of severe burn injuries in Australian and New Zealand intensive care units.