

National Health Research Ethics Committee registration: **REC 251015-048**

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Dear Cherie Ascencao

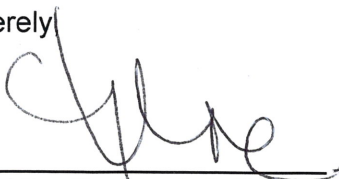
**RE: APPLICATION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH:**

**Title of study: EXPLORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF *POST-OPERATIVE INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT A PARALYTIC ILEUS IN ABDOMINAL SURGERY PATIENTS***

The Research & Scientific Committee of Life Healthcare Group hereby grants permission with no conditions for your study to be conducted at [REDACTED]

1. If patient or institutional confidentiality is breached, Life Healthcare is entitled to withdraw this permission immediately. The Higher Education institution under which the research is taking place will be notified, and Life Healthcare reserves the right to take legal action against you, should the company feel that this is warranted.
2. An electronic copy of the research report must be submitted to the Life Healthcare Research Ethics Committee prior to publication. Failure to do this may result in permission to continue to examination being withdrawn. The Higher Learning institution will be notified of this withdrawal.
3. No direct reference may be made to Life Healthcare, its subsidiaries or any of its facilities or institutions in the research report or any publications thereafter. The Company and its facilities, patients and staff must be de-identified in the study, and remain so for any other studies which may utilise this information.
4. The research must be completed within the time allotted by the Higher Learning institution. If the research is being done in an individual capacity by an employee of the life Group, the research must be conducted within one year of permission being given by the Company, OR the proposed time period must be specified in the proposal, and approved. Permission may be withdrawn if the research extends beyond the approved time period.
5. Life Healthcare will not take responsibility for any unforeseen circumstances within its institutions which may materially change the context and potential outcomes of a student's research. Should this occur, the student will be required to approach their Higher Learning institution for guidance around alternatives.
6. Placement of the electronic research report and any publications on the Company's research register after approval by the associated Higher Education Institution.
7. Life Healthcare will not be liable for any costs incurred during or related to this study.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of the Research & Scientific Committee