August 30, 2011

PROJECT NUMBER: 11-328

PROJECT TITLE: Understanding and Defining the Global Burden of Surgical Disease in Children Across the Globe through International Partnership

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Dr. Brian Cameron

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 22, 2011 which enclosed copies of the revised sections of the REB application for the above-named study. These issues were raised by the Research Ethics Board at their meeting held on July 19, 2011. Based on this additional information, we wish to advise your study has been given final approval from the full REB. The submission, Study Protocol version 1.0 dated April 20, 2011 along with the Case Report Form version 1.0 dated April 20, 2011 were found to be acceptable on both ethical and scientific grounds.

We are pleased to issue final approval for the above-named study for a period of 12 months from the date of the REB meeting on July 19, 2011. Continuation beyond that date will require further review and renewal of REB approval. Any changes or revisions to the original submission must be submitted on an REB amendment form for review and approval by the Research Ethics Board.

The Hamilton Health Sciences/McMaster Health Sciences Research Ethics Board operates in compliance with and is constituted in accordance with the requirements of: The Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans; The International Conference on Harmonization of Good Clinical Practices; Part C Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations of Health Canada; and the provisions of the Ontario Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 and its applicable Regulations.

PLEASE QUOTE THE ABOVE-REFERENCE PROJECT NUMBER ON ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE

Sincerely,

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