Projects granted a waiver of consent in 2022

In certain circumstances, it is justifiable to grant a waiver of consent, as opposed to obtaining informed consent from research participants. Conditions are outlined in Section 2.3.10 of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (updated 2018). Under section 2.3.12 "it is the responsibility of each institution to make publicly accessible summary descriptions of all research projects for which consent has been waived". The waiver of consent may cover the collection/use of part or all of the data/information required for the project. Waivers of consent were granted by the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee [EC00160] for the following projects in 2022:

A retrospective analysis of the utility of the 4T screening tool in patients suspected of having heparin induced thrombocytopenia whilst on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	Enhanced Recovery after Caesarean – Intrathecal Morphine drug dose reduction study
Titration for myocardial infarction patients with reduced ejection fraction	Aortic valve replacement in the Australian elderly population: A series of three projects proposed in this protocol
 Clinico-microbiological correlation of shoulder joint infections over two years at Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services 	Lobectomy in Octogenarian's
 Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) as a predictor of post-operative cardiovascular events in patients with neck of femur fractures 	Impact of Long-Acting Buprenorphine Injection (LAI-BPN) on Methamphetamine (MA) use: a retrospective cohort study
The experiences of caregivers with the Child and Youth Mental Health Suicide Prevention Pathway	Endometrial Ablation: Failure, Complications and the Patient Experience
 Clinical impact of delayed administration of the second beta-lactam antibiotic dose – a retrospective pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic study 	Diabetic ketoacidosis in patients with type 2 diabetes with and without SGLT2-inhibition: a retrospective case-control study
 Correlation of parathyroid adenoma weight and volume with biochemical values 	Effectiveness of the Allied Health Demand and Capacity Management (AHDC) Tool to improve patient flow: A mixed methods design
 An Overview of Intubations for Drug Overdose at Gold Coast University Hospital and Health Service: A Retrospective Cohort/Descriptive Study 	Royal Upper GI Bariatric Database





 Exploring GP orthopaedic referral variability and efficiency 	 Evaluation of modified Fibrinogen on Admission in Trauma scores (Modified FibAT)
 Project 22: In adults undergoing endoscopic and/or surgical resection for oesophageal cancer is there a difference in outcomes between the different resection techniques and sequences? 	 In adults undergoing endoscopic and/or surgical resection for colorectal cancer is there an association between resection technique, sequence and outcome? A retrospective cohort study
 Intra and post-operative outcomes of different surgical approaches towards adrenalectomy 	 Exploring medication management and safety in patients admitted to Hospital-in-the-Home and Geriatric-Evaluation-and-Management-in- the-Home
 A Histopathological Review of advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck 	What is the depth variation of the distal phalanx? A pilot study
Clinically significant Immune Therapy related toxicities in patients treated with extended dosing Pembrolizumab in comparison with historical data of standard dosing	A clinic audit of referral of Gastroschisis
 Lung Cancer Surgery for Indigenous Australia 	 Explanted transvaginal mesh – A retrospective cohort review of cultured microbiome from mesh specimens
 Surgeon investigation habits in the exclusion of anastomotic leak post oesophagectomy 	 Audit of the Management and Outcomes of All Acute Total Occlusion of Extracranial Carotid Artery Presenting as TIA or Strokes to GCUH
 Smoking cessation referral and uptake of Quitline services for pregnant women 	Early use of non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants after cardiac surgery compared with warfarin
 Outcomes for elderly patients receiving stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) for early-stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): a retrospective review 	Assessing the Impact of a Single SMS Reminder on Early Childhood Immunisations: A Before-and-After Quality Improvement Study
 Central electronic foetal monitoring: Are we improving perinatal outcomes at Gold Coast University Hospital? 	 Pectoralis Major Injuries at the Musculotendinous Junction – diagnostic performance of imaging in predicting intraoperative tear location. A Retrospective Case Series
 Evaluation of the Medical Commander Role in the Emergency Department (ED) 	Suspected Acute Appendicitis in Pregnancy: Is there still value in an inconclusive MRI?
 Predicting Discharge into Homelessness and Acute Inpatient Mental Health. 	

