

Projects granted a waiver of consent in 2023

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 2023. 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 2023:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoking cessation referral and uptake of Quitline services for pregnant women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the Impact of a Single SMS Reminder on Early Childhood Immunisations: A Before-and-After Quality Improvement Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Stabilisation Unit: A mixed-methods evaluation of consumer profiles and clinicians' experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central electronic foetal monitoring: Are we improving perinatal outcomes at Gold Coast University Hospital?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clinic audit of referral of Gastroschisis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual ED Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laparoscopic cholecystectomy in pregnancy - a six-year Australian tertiary centre retrospective study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of the Medical Commander Role in the Emergency Department (ED)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinically significant Immune Therapy related toxicities in patients treated with extended dosing Pembrolizumab in comparison with historical data of standard dosing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of initial rhythm on patient outcome in refractory cardiac arrest requiring extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation (ECPR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lung Cancer Surgery for Indigenous Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predicting Discharge into Homelessness and Acute Inpatient Mental Health.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanted transvaginal mesh – A retrospective cohort review of cultured microbiome from mesh specimens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A multicentre study to evaluate the antimicrobial use and understand the factors impacting antimicrobial prescribing practices in children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgeon investigation habits in the exclusion of anastomotic leak post oesophagectomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video-assisted patient education: improving health outcomes for persons affected by complex cancers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of the Management and Outcomes of All Acute Total Occlusion of Extracranial Carotid Artery Presenting as TIA or Strokes to GCUH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aetiology of BCNE at Gold Coast University Hospital and proposal of an Updated modified Dukes Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes for elderly patients receiving stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) for early-stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): a retrospective review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early use of non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants after cardiac surgery compared with warfarin.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing the nutrition care provided to older adults in hospital and post-discharge: A retrospective chart audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation into patient factors that influence the tolerability of antifibrotic drugs for the treatment of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the lived experiences of consumers of the Gold Coast Health Transition Care Program Retrospective review of intraprocedural activation clotting times from cardiac catheterisation and ablation procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge medication processes for Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF) patients: a qualitative study Benefits of Early Rehabilitation Referral Post Surgery in Fracture Neck of Femur in GCHHS-An Interrupted Time Series Analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of a pharmacist-led heart failure clinic review (PLHFRC) on optimizing evidence-based medicines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using machine learning and consumer engagement to improve foot/ankle orthopaedic waiting-list management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An audit of screening for post traumatic hypopituitarism following traumatic brain injury in Gold Coast Hospital Health Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-sensitivity troponin in the evaluation of high-risk patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome: A Cohort Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient Participation in Surgical Wound Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced dose ocrelizumab outcome study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to take Biopsies to Morphologically Diagnose Eosinophilic Oesophagitis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characterizing anti-PD-1 refractory melanoma: A global multi-site chart review study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pectoralis Major Injuries at the Musculotendinous Junction – diagnostic performance of imaging in predicting intraoperative tear location. A Retrospective Case Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STOP FRACTURE! Strength Training for Optimum Prevention of Fracture. Refocusing A Clinical paradigm that Underutilises Recognised Effective therapy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical and psycho-social differences between homeless and non-homeless consumers and factors predicting how some homeless consumers discharge into homelessness and how some find stable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A retrospective analysis of diabetic foot surgery data to assess whether advanced wound healing modalities are more effective in salvaging the diabetic foot and have any relationship to diabetic mortality compared to standard wound care practices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected Acute Appendicitis in Pregnancy: Is there still value in an inconclusive MRI? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A hysterectomy in the time of social media: listening to patient-reported outcome measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machine Learning to predict postoperative hypotension in a tertiary Australian Hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Tale of Two Crises - Predictors of mental health bed utilisation and substance use accommodation in acute inpatient mental health care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Impact of Frailty on Functional Improvements in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving clinical decision-making pathways for children requiring paediatric support: The precision triage project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building together: Better consenting practices for the most vulnerable in healthcare research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation, process evaluation and cost-effectiveness of the Australian Tommy's clinical decision tool to improve maternal and perinatal outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimising medicine information handover after discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness in Tertiary Mental Health Care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development and study of placental membrane lucency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Life after two-stage oesophagectomies: comparison of rib-resection versus rib-division
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestational Diabetes Screening and Diagnosis in Pregnancy: Impact of the GP Maternity Alignment Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Clinical Artificial Intelligence Models in Fetal Echocardiography for the Detection of Congenital Heart Defects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the Queensland Health early rule-out pathway for acute myocardial infarction utilising high-sensitivity troponin assays: A retrospective analysis. 	