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March 31, 2020

Dr. Gregory Bryson  
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**Re: COVID Airway Provider PPE Use and Outcomes Registry**

Dear Dr. Bryson,

Thank you for your email of March 28, 2020 enclosing the above-named project.

Our review of the proposal indicates that your project falls within the context of quality initiative, quality improvement, quality assurance, and/or program evaluation. Consequently, as per the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2, Article 2.5, we have determined that the proposal is not 'human subject research'; therefore, review by the OHSN-REB is not required.

Please ensure that there is no mention of 'research' in any telephone/email scripts and/or information consent forms used for the purpose of recruiting participants to your project.

The TOH Quality Office will be copied on this letter.

TOH quality improvement projects must be **registered** in the [IQ@TOH Project Registry](mailto:IQ@TOH). This simple process should only take a couple of minutes to complete. Please attach your completed REB exemption letter and checklist in addition to any other relevant documents. Contact the TOH Quality Office at [quality@toh.ca](mailto:quality@toh.ca) if you have any additional questions.

Please keep this letter for future use. REB review evidence might be requested by journals, should you seek publication at project completion. You could then provide this letter.

The Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board is constituted in accordance with and operates in compliance with the requirements of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans; Health Canada Good Clinical Practice: Consolidated Guideline; Part C Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations of Health Canada; and the provisions of the Ontario Health Information Protection Act 2004 and its applicable Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair  
Ottawa Health Science Network Research Ethics Board  
cc. TOH Quality Office