

***Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee***

**Annual Report**

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# Chairperson's Report

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual report for the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee (NTY). I wish to acknowledge the participation and contribution of each committee member. The year has been full and productive, one in which members have been asked to give of their time, amongst a busy and full working and family life. For many, there is the additional factor of travel. I appreciate and recognise the involvement of every committee member.

During 2007, the NTY committee reviewed 138 full applications and 87 expedited applications. The introduction of the expedited review process in early 2007, under the National Ethics Advisory Committee's (NEAC's) Guidelines for Observational Studies has seen a general increase in work for chairs and deputy chairs of committees. The increase in the number of research studies seeking ethical review through this process may not have been foreseen. NEAC's intention of reducing workload for the committees through this process has not been evidenced. The 55 percent increase in review workload for Northern Y has fallen largely on the Deputy Chair. I have appreciated the Deputy Chair's willingness and industry in responding to these reviews – but believe that this is an unsustainable approach.

The NTY committee would like to be more discerning about the range of research that comes for review – but specific criteria have established that low-risk, sometimes non-health and disability research is sent. Under the principle of “one committee, one review” a health and disability ethics committee (HDEC) is obliged to review and comment. NTY would like to focus more on core health and disability business. Aligned to this, is the ongoing question of what constitutes a clinical trial. Because different definitions are found in Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) regulations and in the Ministry of Health (recorded in the Operational Standard) confusion exists for both researchers and committees.

The committee welcomes the development of the research community in understanding and responding to the ethical requirement of appropriate cultural and social responsibility, and, in particular, consultation with Māori related to research. The development of a working relationship with Te Kaumatua Kaunihera at Waikato District Health Board will support the work of researchers and the committee. However, questions remain about the National Application Form – and all the committees await the production of the latest revised version during 2008 – which has now been in process since late 2006.

Chairs of the seven HDEC committees in New Zealand have all expressed concerns about the appointments process, and, in particular, the transitioning of retiring members and the appointment of new members. This year, NTY farewells one member who completes six years, along with three others who have decided to not seek re-appointment. While appointments were to expire in November 2007, new members were not appointed until March 2008. The delay has been unsettling, and has not been an acceptable process. The chairs have indicated their displeasure to the Director-General of Health. The chairs request that the process needs to work as intended, or to be changed. Previously, prior to the new structure in December 2004 each committee could advertise and interview/select/appoint its own members. Since the end of 2004, the process is one of Ministerial appointment. This process has resulted in delays and disappointment to committees because transitioning between finishing and new members has not been smooth. Janice Wilson, Deputy Director-

General with responsibility for HDECs responded as follows to communication from the chairs:

*It seems, however, the notification process has not worked well in this instance including a delay in the notification of your own re-appointment. I have asked the appointments team to look into this. We will also work with the Minister's office to ensure a smoother notification process for future appointments, particularly with regard to Chairpersons being notified in a timely manner.*

As I write this report in late March 2008, my own reappointment as a committee member and chair (which was to expire in November 2007) has not been made. Because HDECs are dependent on the goodwill and generosity of participants I sincerely hope that this process can be improved.

NTY continues to function as a collaborative team, expertly supported by our administrator, Amrita Kuruvilla.

The committee's appreciation goes to John Moodie, who steps aside after six years' service to HDECs. John was deputy chair during 2005–2006. Appreciation also goes to Rob Crawford, Heather Thomson and Claire Stott – all were appointed in 2004. Their experience in biostatistics, community health and pharmaceuticals has been valuable and the committee expresses its gratitude.

I acknowledge the demands on each member's full and busy lives and thank them for their time and the contribution each one makes to supporting health and disability research, and in the protection of participants.

Paul Flanagan  
Chairperson – Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee  
and Chair of the Chairpersons' Group

# Committee Membership

## Appointments

The following members were appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

### Chairperson

<b>Paul Flanagan</b>	B Theol, GradDipArts(Psychology), M Couns, PG Cert Couns Supervision, MNZAC
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2008
Expertise	Social services, senior lecturer, University of Waikato
Iwi affiliations	N/A

### Members

<b>Dr John Moodie</b>	MB ChB, Dip Obst FRCA, FANZCA
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health practitioner
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	December 2007
Expertise	Anaesthetics, clinical research
Iwi affiliations	N/A

<b>Christina Bryant</b>	MA Medical Ethics and Law, LLB (Hons)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Ethicist
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	2 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Ethics and law
Iwi affiliations	N/A

<b>Peter Coughlan</b>	Certificate in Social Studies
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	2 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Social studies
Iwi affiliations	N/A
<b>Robert Crawford</b>	PhD in Statistics
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Biostatistician
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Statistics
Iwi affiliations	N/A
<b>Felicity Dumble</b>	FAFPHM (RACP), MPH (Hons), MBChB
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health researcher
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	2 years
Six-year maximum term	December 2008
Expertise	Public health
Iwi affiliations	N/A
<b>Huhana Hickey</b>	LLB/BSocSc, LLM
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Lawyer
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	2 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Law
Iwi affiliations	Waikato, Ngāti Tahinga
<b>Claire Stott</b>	B Pharm (Hons)
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Pharmacist/pharmacologist
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Pharmacy
Iwi affiliations	Ngā Puhi

<b>Heather Thomson</b>	Māori Health
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Community representative
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Community development, rural health, Māori health management
Iwi affiliations	Te Whānau a Apanui
<b>Michael Vale</b>	Teachers College Diploma, Dip Rehab Studies, Grad Cert Career Development, PG Dip (Education)
Representation	Lay member
Member category	Consumer representative
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	December 2004
Term of appointment	2 years
Six-year maximum term	November 2010
Expertise	Disability support
Iwi affiliations	N/A
<b>John Fitzgerald</b>	BA (Hons), MA, MSc (Clinical Psychology), PhD
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health researcher
Gender	Male
Date of appointment	July 2005
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	July 2011
Expertise	Clinical psychology
Iwi affiliations	N/A
<b>Tessa Turnbull</b>	Dip Obst, FRNZCP, FRACP
Representation	Non-lay member
Member category	Health practitioner
Gender	Female
Date of appointment	December 2006
Term of appointment	3 years
Six-year maximum term	December 2012
Expertise	General (internal) medicine, obstetrics, geriatric medicine
Iwi affiliations	N/A

### **Deputy chairperson**

Felicity Dumble continued as deputy chairperson of the committee for the year 2007.

## Members' attendance in 2007

Member	M/F	Lay/ non-lay	31 Jan	28 Feb	28 Mar	26 Apr	23 May	27 Jun	25 Jul	22 Aug	26 Sep	24 Oct	21 Nov	19 Dec	Total
Paul Flanagan	M	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
John Moodie	M	N	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	9/12
Christina Bryant	F	L	A	T	A	Y	Y	Y	T	A	Y	T	T	Y	9/12
Peter Coughlan	M	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	11/12
Robert Crawford	M	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/12
Felicity Dumble	F	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/12
Huhana Hickey*	F	L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/12
Tessa Turnbull	F	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	9/12
Claire Stott	F	N	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	T	Y	Y	A	Y	9/12
Heather Thomson*	F	L	Y	Y	Y	T	A	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	9/12
Michael Vale	M	L	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/12
John Fitzgerald	M	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
<b>Members present</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>No. of applications</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>138</b>

\* = Māori member

Y = Present

A = Apology

T = Teleconference

## Training

### New member training

One member of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee was offered training for new members. The training was held in Wellington on 23 May 2007 and the following member attended: Tessa Turnbull.

### Ongoing training

Ongoing training for all members was not held in 2007 because of the Operational Review commissioned by the Ministry of Health. Advanced training for all members is scheduled to be held in May 2008.

The following meetings of specialist members were held.

## **Meeting of the Māori members**

A hui of the Māori members of all health and disability ethics committees was held on 13 June 2007. It covered the cultural section of the national application form for ethical approval of a research project, consultation and the work on a Māori ethical framework being carried out by the National Ethics Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Health Research Council and Ngā Pae o Te Maramatanga. The following members of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee attended: Huhana Hickey and Heather Thomson as Māori representatives of the committee and Paul Flanagan as Chair of the Chairpersons' Group.

## **Chairpersons' meetings**

Three meetings of the chairpersons of the multi-region and regional ethics committees were held in 2007.

Paul Flanagan and Felicity Dumble attended the first meeting for the year held in Hamilton on 15–16 February 2007.

Paul Flanagan and Tessa Turnbull (as locum for the Deputy Chair) attended the second meeting held in Wellington on 27 April 2007.

Paul Flanagan attended the meeting held in Christchurch on 25–26 October 2007. The meeting also included discussions on the operational review of the regional health and disability ethics committees.

## **Approval by the Health Research Council**

The committee is approved by the Health Research Council until December 2009.

## **United States Department of Health and Human Services Registration**

The Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee is registered with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This registration enables the committee to review research funded by the United States Government. The registration number is: IRB00004665 – Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee.

## Response to Cultural Issues

Number of applications deferred because Māori guidelines were not read	None
Number of applications for which consultation with Māori was considered appropriate	138
Number of applications returned through insufficient consultation on cultural issues	None. Evidence of consultation was required and carried out subsequently.
Process the committee has for following through on consultation	Referring to iwi, District Health Boards and Māori research review committees.
Cases of unsatisfactory reasons for not including Māori	None.
Mechanisms in place to facilitate consultation with Māori by researchers	District Health Boards, Māori research review committees, and tertiary institutions have processes in place.
Examples of Māori not being included in research	Research based purely on certain ethnic populations; research on diseases that Māori are assumed not to have.

Building relationships with key stakeholders is an ongoing process and one that, we, as a committee have actively engaged in. Of particular note in 2007 is the working relationship developed with Te Kaumatua Kaunihera at the Waikato District Health Board, which helped both sides to gain further clarity on their roles and expectations.

Confusion remains over the cultural component of the ethics application, and this creates a wide variety of responses that are often less than adequate to address cultural impacts of the research on Māori and other affected populations. It is hoped the recommendations for a new Section F in the national application form for ethical approval of a research project will help to address this sooner rather than later.

Huhana Hickey

# Applications

The committee held 12 scheduled meetings from January to December 2007.

## Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee statistics for January–December 2007

<b>Applications reviewed by the full committee</b>	
Applications approved	114
Applications deferred and subsequently approved	6
Applications deferred as at time of report	2
Applications declined	1
Applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	10
Ethics committee approval not required	3
Studies withdrawn by researcher	2
Studies terminated by sponsor	0
Studies transferred to Multi-region Ethics Committee	0
<b>Total number of applications considered by the full committee</b>	<b>138</b>
Applications approved as an audit	2
<b>Expedited review applications</b>	
Expedited review applications approved	77
Expedited review applications declined review – ethics committee approval not required	7
Expedited review applications declined review – full application required	0
Expedited review applications carried forward (approved subject to conditions)	3
<b>Total number of expedited review applications reviewed</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Total number of applications received</b>	<b>225</b>

## Other committee statistics

Number of matters arising	9
Number of general business items	32
Number of amendments reviewed by committee	44
Number of amendments approved under Delegated Authority	0

## Audit or matters not requiring ethical approval

Seven projects were confirmed audits or surveys not requiring ethical approval in accordance with section 4.1, page 26, of the Operational Standard for Ethics Committees, March 2002.

## **Second opinions**

No second opinions were requested.

## **Complaints**

During 2007, a complaint was received from a researcher regarding a decision of the Northern Y Committee, and the process, which involved approval of an earlier stage, and recommending approval later of another stage. Northern Y sought advice from another regional health and disability committee, which supported the decision of the Northern Y committee with regard to the ethics of the researcher's study. However, the advising committee agreed with the researcher that information supplied to the researcher about approving stages separately was unclear, processes have since been revised to ensure appropriate and timely approval.

## Issues for the Committee

Some issues that the committee considered in 2007 were the following.

- Again, as in 2006, the committee considered issues regarding compensation. These were frequently of concern, where sponsor companies do not allow an ethically appropriate level of compensation. The committee considers that potential participants must be fully informed of the limited compensation available. As a result, researchers are often asked to highlight the limitations of compensation within the Participant Information Sheet.
- Once again, the process of membership selection for the committee has been an area of focus, particularly to enable a smooth transition during membership changes. This issue has been noted in detail in the Chairperson's report.
- Because of the Operational Review commissioned by the Ministry of Health, training was placed on hold. Consequently, there was no advanced training for members of committees in 2007. The training plan for 2008 intends to cover this need.
- Locality assessments. The committee questions the usefulness of the Locality Assessment form, and the work involved in addressing locality issues. This, too, has been noted in detail in the Chairperson's report.

# Guidelines for Chairperson's Delegation

At its meeting on 15 December 2004, the committee agreed to delegate the following authority to the Chairperson.

The Chairperson may approve under delegated authority:

- advertisements, letters or minor information sheet changes
- applications provisionally approved by the committee subject to final approval by the Chairperson, usually after review by nominated committee members.

The Chairperson may approve the matters listed below after review by a minimum of one health professional. A subcommittee of health professional and lay members may be involved and where possible should include a Māori member. The membership of the subcommittee is recommended by the Chairperson and members are contacted by the administrator by phone or email to confirm their availability.

If any subcommittee member has a major concern and recommends the application or amendment be reviewed by the full committee, it will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next committee meeting and the researcher advised.

The matters that the Chairperson may approve following this process are:

- student applications, especially where there is a time constraint for the course and where there is minimal potential for harm to participants, such as questionnaires or interviews
- applications where the consequences of delaying approval would be significant
- amendments that do not adversely affect participant safety
- confirmation of approval of ongoing applications after receipt of the researcher's annual report.

All applications and amendments approved under delegated authority are listed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The committee also agreed to delegate the same authority to the Deputy Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

# **Appendix 1: Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee Terms of Reference**

## **Public authority of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee**

The Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee (Northern Y REC) was established as a Ministerial committee under section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. These Terms of Reference outline the role and functions of the Northern Y REC.

## **Authority of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee**

The Northern Y REC shall have joint responsibility with the Northern X Regional Ethics Committee for ethics committee review of health and disability research and innovative practice occurring in the following District Health Board regions:

- Northland
- Waitemata
- Auckland
- Counties Manukau
- Waikato
- Tairāwhiti
- Lakes
- Bay of Plenty.

The Northern Y REC is jointly responsible with the Northern X Regional Ethics Committee for any health and disability research that is currently being undertaken in the above DHB regions, provided that such research has previously been given ethical approval by an approved regional ethics committee.

## **Relation to the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees**

These Terms of Reference have precedence over the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees (Operational Standard) on any point of conflict, but otherwise, the Operational Standard applies to the Northern Y REC.

## **Relations with other public sector organisations**

The Northern Y REC shall liaise with other relevant ethics committees on matters of common interest, such as jurisdiction over borderline cases. The Northern Y REC shall inform the Ministry of Health and the National Ethics Advisory Committee of any matters that arise in its operation that potentially have policy significance.

## **Approval of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee**

The Northern Y REC has to be approved for the purposes outlined in the following enactments:

- The Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001
- The Health Research Council Act 1990
- The Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

## **Role of the Northern Y Regional Ethics Committee**

The primary role of the Northern Y REC is to provide independent ethical review of health research and innovative practice that will be conducted in its region of authority to safeguard the rights, health and wellbeing of consumers and research participants and, in particular, those persons with diminished autonomy. In order to do this, the Northern Y REC shall:

- i. foster an awareness of ethical principles and practices in the health and disability sector and research community
- ii. facilitate excellence in health research and innovative practice for the wellbeing of society
- iii. collaborate with researchers to ensure the interests, rights, dignity, welfare, health and wellbeing of participants and consumers are protected
- iv. give due consideration to community views
- v. consistent with section 4 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and He Korowai Oranga, recognise and respect the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- vi. operate in accordance with the Operational Standard for Health and Disability Ethics Committees
- vii. operate in accordance with any guidance issued or approved by the Minister of Health.

## **Composition and membership**

### **Guiding principle**

The primary guiding principle for appointing members to the Northern Y REC is to ensure that the Northern Y REC has the appropriate expertise, skills, knowledge and perspectives to conduct ethical review of the best quality.

### **Member numbers**

There should be 12 members on the Northern Y REC.

## **Lay/non-lay membership**

One half of the total membership shall comprise lay members, and the committee shall include a lay Chairperson and a non-lay Deputy Chairperson. A lay person is a person who is not:

- currently, nor has recently been, a registered health practitioner (for example, a doctor, nurse, midwife, dentist, pharmacist)
- involved in conducting health or disability research or who is employed by a health agency and who is in a sector of that agency that undertakes health research
- construed by virtue of employment, profession or relationship to have a potential conflict or professional bias in a majority of protocols reviewed.

## **Member categories**

The Northern Y REC's lay membership shall include:

- an ethicist
- a lawyer
- consumer perspectives
- community perspectives.

The Northern Y REC's non-lay members shall include:

- two health researchers
- a pharmacist or pharmacologist
- a biostatistician
- two health practitioners.

## **Whole committee requirements**

At any time, consistent with the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act requirements for District Health Boards, the Northern Y REC shall have at least two Māori members. Māori members should have a recognised awareness of te reo Māori and an understanding of tikanga Māori. All members of the Northern Y REC are expected to have an understanding of how the health sector responds to Māori issues and their application to ethical review.

The Northern Y REC's membership should include expertise in the main kinds of health and disability research (for example, interventional, observational, kaupapa Māori and social research) and in both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Members should possess an attitude that is accepting of the values of other professions and community perspectives, and it is important for committees to be comprised of people from a range of backgrounds and ethnicities.

Despite being drawn from groups identified with particular interests or responsibilities in connection with health and community issues, Northern Y REC members are not in any way the representatives of those groups. They are appointed in their own right, to participate in the work of the Northern Y REC as equal individuals of sound judgement, relevant experience and adequate training in ethical review.

## **Terms and conditions of appointment**

Members of the Northern Y REC are appointed by the Minister of Health, pursuant to section 11 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, for a term of office of up to three years. The terms of office of members of the Northern Y REC shall be staggered to ensure continuity of membership. Members may be reappointed from time to time. No member may hold office for more than six consecutive years. After serving the maximum six-year term, members shall not be considered for reappointment until at least three years after their retirement from the Northern Y REC.

Persons who have served six consecutive years on any Health Research Council (HRC)-approved ethics committee shall not be immediately eligible for appointment to the Northern Y REC. Those persons shall not be eligible for appointment to the Northern Y REC until at least three years after their retirement from any HRC-approved ethics committee. Persons who have served less than six years on any HRC-approved ethics committee will be eligible to be appointed to the Northern Y REC for a term that is equal to the difference of six years and the term already served by that person on any HRC-approved ethics committee or a shorter period.

A person may not be a member of the Northern Y REC and the National Ethics Advisory Committee or the Health Research Council Ethics Committee simultaneously.

Unless a person vacates their office sooner, every appointed member of the Northern Y REC shall continue in office until their successor comes into office. Any member of the Northern Y REC may at any time resign as a member by advising the Minister of Health in writing.

Any member of the Northern Y REC may at any time be removed from office by the Minister of Health for inability to perform the functions of office, bankruptcy, neglect of duty or misconduct, proved to the satisfaction of the Minister.

The Minister may from time to time alter or reconstitute the Northern Y REC or discharge any member of the Northern Y REC or appoint new members to the Northern Y REC for the purpose of decreasing or increasing the membership or filling any vacancies.

## **Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

The Minister shall appoint a member of the Northern Y REC to be its Chairperson. The terms and conditions of appointment for members of the Northern Y REC also apply to the person appointed as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Northern Y REC at which they are present.









































Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
NTY/07/11/122	Tissue adhesive for skin grafts in oculoplastic surgery: a case study on cicatricial ectropion repair with full thickness skin grafts.	Dr Ryan Eidsness	1/11/07	2/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Green Lane Hospital Auckland Eye Clinic	Nil		Te Puna Oranga
NTY/07/11/123	From a clinical examination of the shoulder in the primary care setting, what symptoms, clinical test or combination of clinical tests are reliable, valid and accurate in the diagnosis of impingement, a partial or complete rotator cuff tear?	Mr Wayne Hing	6/11/07	2/11/07	Deferred	Deferred due to concerns regarding study design. Ethical principles: uncertainty about validity of research; minimisation of harm; privacy and confidentiality; and social and cultural responsibility.	Approved subject to conditions		Horizon scanning clinics Private practice	A	New Zealand Society of Physiotherapists, ACC etc are targeted	Local Maori and Pacific peoples groups in Auckland.
NTY/07/11/124	"Predictors of loneliness in older people: a New Zealand study."	Dr PSDV Prasadarao	6/11/07	2/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	7/12/07	Participants' homes Retirement villages Community services	Nil		Te Puna Oranga – WDHB
NTY/07/11/125	Pilot study to determine effect of Vitamin D supplementation on serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D level.	Assoc Prof Robert Scragg	7/11/07	2/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	21/12/07	University of Auckland	A	University of Auckland	Dr Lorna Dyal – Section Maori Health; Wai Health
NTY/07/11/126	DBT outcome study: six-year follow-up.	Dr Roy Krawitz	6/11/07	2/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Waikato DHB	Nil	Waikato DHB	Kaumaturua Kaunihera Group – WDHB
NTY/07/11/127	DBT outcome and dismantling study.	Dr Roy Krawitz	6/11/07	27/11/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Waikato DHB	A	Waikato DHB	Kaumaturua Kaunihera Group – WDHB
NTY/07/12/128	The skeletal effects of pioglitazone in type 2 diabetes mellitus.	Dr Andrew Grey	22/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved		Auckland DHB	A	HRC of New Zealand	Prof Papaarangi Reid – University of Auckland
NTY/07/12/129	Focus on efficiencies: using physiotherapy assistants and telerehabilitation to provide patient care.	Mr Martin Chadwick	23/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Waikato DHB Te Kuiti Medical Centre	Nil	Ministry of Health, New Zealand Institute of Rural Health, Waikato DHB	Te Puna Oranga – WDHB
NTY/07/12/130	Barriers to accessing child and adolescent mental health services in the Waikato region: Korean parents' perspective.	Dr Choheye Park	26/11/07	19/12/07	Approved		Approved	19/12/07	Waikato DHB	Nil		Te Puna Oranga and President of Korean Society in Hamilton
NTY/07/12/131	Can measurement of peripheral nerve movement strengthen and support the clinical findings of neurodynamic tests?	Dr Richard Ellis	27/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	26/02/08	Auckland University of Technology	A	AUT University	None

Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
NTY/07/12/132	Nutrition for health in primary care: an early childhood intervention pilot.	Dr Cameron Grant	27/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Tamaki Health Care PHO University of Auckland	Nil	HRC of New Zealand, products from Nutricia and MeadowFresh	Tamaki Healthcare PHO
NTY/07/12/133	How does chronic obstructive pulmonary disease develop in non-smokers?	Dr Peter Black	29/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		University of Auckland Greenlane Clinical Centre	A	HRC of New Zealand	Assoc Prof Paaparangi Reid – University of Auckland; MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/12/134	Comparison of the effectiveness of four disposable supraglottic airway devices and one reusable LMA classic for use in flexible bronchoscopy in children.	Ms Katherine Emily Jessica Young	29/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	26/02/08	Starship Children's Hospital	A	ADHB	MRRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/12/135	Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre phase II trial of selenomethionine as modulator of efficacy and toxicity of chemoradiation in locally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck.	Dr Michael Jameson	30/11/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	25/02/08	Waikato Hospital	A	Research grant from HRC	Te Puna Oranga
NTY/07/12/136	Corneal nerve structure and density analysed by in vivo confocal microscopy in the normal cornea, following either standard pars plana vitrectomy or standard astigmatic keratotomy – an assessment of corneal nerves after routine eye surgery.	Dr Jennifer Fan	3/12/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Auckland DHB	A	University of Auckland	MRRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/12/137	Increasing the uptake of physical activity among people living with pre-existing and type 2 diabetes within the Waikato/Lakes District Health Board areas.	Ms Margaret Williams	3/12/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved subject to conditions		Waikato DHB	Nil		Reference group of Te Wai O Rona
NTY/07/12/138	Formative and process evaluation Stage II of the Ngati and Healthy Prevent Diabetes Project.	Dr Jennifer Harre Hindmarsh	3/12/07	19/12/07	Approved subject to conditions		Approved	10/02/08	Ngati Porou Hauora	Nil		Ngati Porou Hauora Board

## Applications heard in 'closed' meetings

Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
NTY/07/04/041	Population dynamics of aged human satellite cells as a function of habitual physical activity.	Dr Heather Smith	10/04/07	26/04/07	Approved subject to conditions	Closed meeting due to issues of confidentiality regarding laboratory techniques and area of research	Approved	31/07/07	University of Auckland Agresearch	Nil	University of Auckland, Agresearch, SPARC	Dr Jason Turuwhenua and Assoc Prof Papaarangi Reid from University of Auckland
NTY/07/06/069	Randomised, placebo-controlled, multicentre study to assess the efficacy and safety of eltrombopag in thrombocytopenic subjects with hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection who are otherwise eligible to initiate antiviral therapy (peginterferon alfa-2a plus ribavirin). ENABLE 1.	Dr Ed Gane	7/06/07	27/06/07	Approved subject to conditions	Closed meeting due to commercially sensitive nature of compound	Approved	21/11/07	Auckland DHB	B	GlaxoSmithKline	MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/06/070	Randomised, placebo-controlled, multicentre study to assess the efficacy and safety of eltrombopag in thrombocytopenic subjects with hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection who are otherwise eligible to initiate antiviral therapy (peginterferon alfa-2a plus ribavirin). ENABLE 2.	Dr Ed Gane	7/06/07	27/06/07	Approved subject to conditions	Closed meeting due to commercially sensitive nature of compound	Approved	21/11/07	Auckland DHB	B	GlaxoSmithKline	MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/07/082	A randomised, double-blind, active- and placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multicentre study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of multiple doses of CG5503 immediate-release formulation in the treatment of acute pain from total hip replacement surgery followed by a voluntary open-label extension.	Dr John E Moodie	6/07/07	25/07/07	Approved subject to conditions	Closed meeting due to commercial sensitivity of study drug	Approved	16/08/07	Health Waikato Southern Cross Hospital	B	Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development	Te Puna Oranga and Tangimoana Habib – Te-Ha-O-Kiritahi Health Centre

## Expedited review applications

Project key	Full title	Primary investigator	Date received	Meeting reviewed	Outcome	Why deferred/declined	Status at time of report	Date of approval	Locality organisations	Form	Sponsor/funder	Consultation undertaken
NTY/07/01/EXP	Oncogenic osteomalacia.	Dr Helen Kenealy	7/02/07				Approved	15/02/07	Auckland City Hospital	Nil		
NTY/07/02/EXP	Epidemiology of thyroid disease in general practice.	Mrs Veronique Gibbons	8/02/07				Approved	15/02/07	Waikato Clinical School, Bay of Plenty DHB	A		Te Puna Hauora Kaupapa Maori Services
NTY/07/03/EXP	Development of chronic allograft nephropathy in renal transplantation.	Dr Helen Pilmore	20/02/07				Approved	28/02/07	Auckland City Hospital	Nil		
NTY/07/04/EXP	A comparison of the age at diagnosis, genotype, phenotype and the natural disease progression of children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in the Northwest Midlands and New Zealand between 2000–2007.	Mr Paul Southall	20/02/07				Approved	28/02/07	New Zealand	Nil		
NTY/07/05/EXP	A retrospective collection of vital status and pulmonary medication usage data for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who withdrew prematurely from either of two one-year trials (205.254, 205.255) of tiotropium inhalation solution delivered by the respimat inhaler.	Prof Harry Rea	20/02/07				Approved	28/02/07		Nil		
NTY/07/06/EXP	Clinical outcome following chronic pancreatitis surgery.	Mr John Windsor	19/02/07				Approved	28/02/07		Nil		
NTY/07/07/EXP	New Zealand prospective candidaemia surveillance study.	Mr Arlo Upton	19/02/07				Approved	28/02/07	Auckland DHB	Nil		Jack Hill – MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/08/EXP	Paediatric nurses' knowledge, attitudes and practice regarding the oral health care of hospitalised children.	Dr Annette Dickinson	21/02/07				Ethical approval not required	28/02/07	Starship Hospital Auckland DHB	Nil		
NTY/07/09/EXP	Acute kidney injury in New Zealand children.	Dr Tonya Kara	21/02/07				Approved	28/03/07	Starship Hospital	Nil		
NTY/07/10/EXP	Research on organ and tissue donation.	Ms Jeanette du Plooy	1/03/07				Approved	27/03/07		Nil		
NTY/07/11/EXP	A comparison of leuprolide and goserelin in the treatment of precocious puberty.	Dr Frances Moutat	3/04/07				Approved	12/04/07	Auckland DHB Liggins Institute University of Auckland	Nil		
NTY/07/12/EXP	Resolution of consumptive hypothyroidism in an infant with haemangioblastoma type 1.	Dr Frances Moutat	3/04/07				Approved	12/04/07	Auckland DHB, Liggins Institute, University of Auckland	Nil		

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NTY/07/13/EXP	Evaluation of ProCare back-2-action low back pain pilot management programme.	Prof Karen Grimmer-Somers	4/04/07				Approved	12/04/07	University of South Australia	Nil		
NTY/07/14/EXP	Mucosal lichen planus and lichen sclerosis – a review of clinical and histopathological features.	Dr Susan M Bigby	4/04/07				Approved	12/04/07	Greenlane Clinical Centre	Nil		
NTY/07/15/EXP	Hyperkalaemia after pancreatectomy.	Dr Brian Anderson	4/04/07				Approved	12/04/07		Nil		
NTY/07/16/EXP	Transitional active care scheme (TACS) for the reduced mobility older person.	Ms Lesley Warner	16/04/07				Approved	23/04/07	Tauranga Hospital	Nil		
NTY/07/17/EXP	Clinical audit to measure prevalence and management of substance misuse co-morbidity among service users of an adult community mental health service.	Ms Sarah Haldane	23/04/07				Approved	16/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/18/EXP	Adolescent diabetes self-management: individual and social factors that best support adolescent management of diabetes.	Ms Emma Singh	16/04/07				Approved	16/05/07		Nil		Jane Sherard Waitemata DHB
NTY/07/19/EXP	Cases of anaphylaxis presenting to Auckland City Hospital 2005–2006.	Dr Marianne Empson	12/04/07				Approved	17/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/20/EXP	Factors that influence patients decision for surgery or radiotherapy in treatment of localised prostate cancer.	Dr Ramesh Kamalakannan	12/04/07				Approved	17/05/07		Nil		Maori research advisor
NTY/07/21/EXP	Comparison of near-infrared spectroscopy and somanetics oxygenation continuous monitoring in infants and children undergoing cardiac surgery.	Dr John Beca	11/04/07				Approved	25/06/07		Nil		
NTY/07/22/EXP	Review of the set up and rationale for the 'Malaga a le Pasifika' service delivery pathway.	Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni	23/04/07				Approved	8/10/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/23/EXP	Audit of the 'Matalafi Matrix' cultural formulation tool in Tupu and Malaga services – phase one.	Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni	23/04/07				Approved	8/10/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/24/EXP	Paediatric liver transplant programme at Auckland – outcome with special reference to nutrition, growth and renal function.	Dr Lalith Bharadia	10/05/07				Approved	21/05/07		Nil		

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NTY/07/25/EXP	Australian and New Zealand co-operative on outcomes in staphylococcal sepsis 2007.	Dr Sally Roberts	10/05/07				Approved	21/05/07		Nil		MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/26/EXP	Comparison of phantom limb sensation, phantom limb pain and stump pain between groups of amputees presenting to artificial limb centres in New Zealand and Cambodia.	Dr Kelly Byrne	10/05/07				Approved	21/09/07		Nil		
NTY/07/27/EXP	Evaluation of hypertension identified before 20 weeks gestation audit.	Dr Joana De Sousa	15/05/07				Approved	23/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/28/EXP	Audit of casemix data of patients with diabetes and amputation and diabetes and foot ulcer.	Mr R Milne	4/05/07				Approved	23/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/29/EXP	Quality of life in chronic rhinosinusitis patients after endoscopic sinus surgery.	Dr Richard Douglas	4/05/07				Approved	23/05/07		A		
NTY/07/30/EXP	Fluid resuscitation of critically ill patients with traumatic injury: potential mechanisms behind the detrimental effect of albumin resuscitation (SAFE – TBI II).	Dr Colin McArthur	15/05/07				Approved	23/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/31/EXP	Retrospective analysis of shoulder arthroplasty at North Shore Hospital.	Dr Ngozi M Everts	16/05/07				Approved	23/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/32/EXP	Does the presence of parenchymal disease on HRCT predict the likelihood of positive transbronchial biopsy in sarcoidosis?	Dr Sally de Boer	17/05/07				Approved	28/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/33/EXP	A comparison of nurse and parent/caregiver perceptions during paediatric burns dressing changes.	Ms Anna Smith	21/05/07				Approved	28/05/07		Nil		MRRC at CMDHB; liaison with Maori Cultural Support Group and Pacific Cultural Support Group at CMDHB
NTY/07/34/EXP	Neonatal postmortems – the nurse's role.	Ms Leanne Baker	24/05/07				Approved	15/08/07		Nil		
NTY/07/35/EXP	Temperature dependence of near-infrared spectra of whole blood.	Mr Paul Martinsen	25/05/07				Approved	30/05/07		Nil		
NTY/07/36/EXP	Application of tissue glue in skin graft application I: experiences and techniques at a national burn centre.	Dr Derek Buchanan	29/05/07				Approved	26/06/07	Middlemore Hospital	Nil		N/a

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NTY/07/37/EXP	Secondary surgery for cleft lip/palate: when is enough – a patients perspective.	Dr Derek Buchanan	1/06/07				Approved	27/07/07	Middlemore Hospital	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/38/EXP	A comparison of measures of health-related quality of life and mental health in a New Zealand paediatric consultation liaison service.	Dr Nancy Wilde	30/05/07				Approved	25/06/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/39/EXP	Patient-centred care: diabetes and personal health records.	Dr Shane Reti	30/05/07				Approved	17/06/07		Nil		Te Ora – David Jansen; Mauriora Associates
NTY/07/40/EXP	Five-year trends in Down Syndrome diagnosis in Auckland.	Dr Yvonne Lake	5/06/07				Ethical approval not required	17/06/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/41/EXP	Brugada syndrome and paediatric anaesthesia: case report and review.	Dr Anita Sumpter	28/05/07				Approved	8/07/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/42/EXP	In the outpatient setting does wait-time influence patient satisfaction.	Ms Lois Austin	5/06/07				Approved	17/06/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/43/EXP	Epidemiology of invasive pneumococcal disease in Auckland children 2005–2007.	Dr Rachel Webb	14/06/07				Approved	17/06/07		Nil		Department of Child and Population Health at University of Auckland
NTY/07/44/EXP	Enterococcal bacteraemia in the new millennium: epidemiology of enterococcal bacteraemia at Auckland District Health Boards.	Dr Sally Roberts	10/07/07				Approved	30/07/07		Nil		MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/45/EXP	Prospective observational study evaluating the efficacy of antibiotic impregnated external ventricular catheters.	Dr Sally Roberts	3/07/07				Approved	25/07/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/46/EXP	Dietary changes in children with eczema.	Dr Diana Purvis	4/07/07				Approved	25/07/07		Nil		Mata Forbes at ADHB
NTY/07/47/EXP	The economic costs of shaken baby syndrome in New Zealand.	Dr Patrick Kelly	3/07/07				Approved	25/07/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/48/EXP	Stillbirth classification study: can we reduce the number of stillbirths classified as "unexplained" by using ReCoDe system?	Dr Jye Ru Lu	4/07/07				Approved	25/07/07		Nil		Mata Forbes at ADHB
NTY/07/49/EXP	Invasive group A streptococcal infection in Auckland population.	Dr Atheer Safar	31/07/07				Approved	30/07/07		Nil		MRRC; Pacific Cultural Support and Maori Health at CMDHB

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NTY/07/50/EXP	Meeting the needs of young people with arthritis quality assurance study.	Ms Ingrid Hutton	23/07/07				Approved subject to conditions			Nil		N/a
NTY/07/51/EXP	Upper gastrointestinal bolus obstruction.	Dr Hui Yann Lee	19/07/07				Approved	28/07/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/52/EXP	Outcomes of valve surgery for rheumatic heart disease in children: 1990–2005. Phase one: retrospective review.	Dr Rachel Webb	23/07/07				Approved	28/07/07		Nil		MIRC at ADHB and Henare Mason
NTY/07/53/EXP	Observational study – restylane LIPP for lip enhancement.	Dr Catherine Stone	30/07/07				Approved	30/07/07	Face Place Med Spa	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/54/EXP	Key directions: understanding the self-care information environment.	Dr Philip Gandar	25/07/07				Approved	28/07/07		Nil		Dr Tania Riddell of University of Auckland and Nan Wehipana at Nielsen Research
NTY/07/55/EXP	Starship pain management audit.	Ms Rosalie Charman	25/07/07				Ethical approval not required	28/07/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/56/EXP	A retrospective audit comparing levels of serious trauma amongst paediatric patients admitted with all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and motorcycle related accidents to Auckland regional hospitals.	Mr Dylan Mordaunt	25/07/07				Approved	1/08/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/57/EXP	Long-term management of gout – is it being implemented and/or effective?	Dr Rajiv Gupta	25/07/07				Approved	13/08/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/58/EXP	Observational study of inpatient mental health staff attitudes during a project to reduce coercive practices in the clinical environment.	Ms Anne Frew	3/09/07				Approved	15/10/07	Auckland DHB	Nil		
NTY/07/59/EXP	Graduate nurses' experience of health assessment skills learnt in the Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Paper: Nursing 705.	Ms Denise Watene	3/09/07				Approved	31/10/07		Nil		Maori Directorate at NDHB
NTY/07/60/EXP	An audit of patients 65 years and over with fractured neck of femur at Auckland City Hospital – process of care and outcomes.	Dr Lucy Grace	12/09/07				Ethical approval not required	15/10/07	Auckland City Hospital	Nil		
NTY/07/61/EXP	Timely bolus insulin administration. technique in cardiac surgery requiring bypass with glucose containing cardioplegia to control glucose during cardiac bypass.	Dr Cornelis J Kruger	12/09/07				Ethical approval not required	15/10/07	Auckland DHB	Nil		

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NTY/07/62/EXP	Septic arthritis following autologous arthroscopic anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction.	Dr Peter Misur	12/09/07				Approved	14/12/07		Nil		MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/63/EXP	Management of paediatric radius fractures in the emergency department, comparing adequacy and length of stay.	Dr Adrienne Adams	25/09/07				Approved	20/11/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/64/EXP	Mothers, newborns and ongoing primary care: a survey in Waitemata.	Ms Rebekah Lamb	13/09/07				Approved	29/10/07	Waikere Hospital	Nil		Hoani Paku – Manager of Maori Health; Waitemata DHB
NTY/07/65/EXP	The uniqueness of nursing care in the surgical ward of QE Health.	Ms Christine Mercer	20/09/07				Approved	28/01/08	QE Health	Nil		
NTY/07/66/EXP	The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in the general practice.	Mr Peter Choi	29/10/07				Approved	5/11/07	Waikato Hospital Glenview Medical Centre	Nil		Kaumatu Kaunihera – WDHB
NTY/07/67/EXP	Health status of Bay of Plenty District Health Board employees.	Mr Edward Alan Harper	26/09/07				Approved	10/02/08	Tauranga Hospital	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/68/EXP	A descriptive study: femoral measurements of patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty.	Dr Raymond Tai	24/09/07				Approved	24/10/07	Auckland DHB	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/69/EXP	A prospective observational study on the use of the Airtraq intubating device in an Australasian emergency department.	Dr Julian Willcocks	28/11/07				Approved	25/01/08		Nil		Kaumatu Kaunihera – Northland DHB
NTY/07/70/EXP	The EBM study: evidence and beta-blocker management in high-risk patients presenting for non-cardiac surgery.	Dr Timothy Short	28/09/07				Approved	12/02/08	Auckland DHB	Nil		MRRC at ADHB
NTY/07/71/EXP	The rate of recurrence or persistence when high grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia is incompletely excised at the time of LLETZ: a two-year retrospective analysis of the South Auckland experience.	Dr Emma Deverall	20/10/07				Approved	24/10/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/72/EXP	Development of 'pump down' protocol.	Dr Michael Thomas	18/10/07				Approved	24/10/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/73/EXP	Anatomical and visual outcomes following retinal detachment surgery.	Dr Philip J Polkinghorne	17/10/07				Approved	24/10/07		Nil		N/a

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NTY/07/74/EXP	The effect of BMI (body mass index) on the success of transobturator tape procedures for urinary stress incontinence.	Dr Dianne Avery	25/10/07				Approved	12/02/08		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/75/EXP	Maternal death due to streptococcal toxic shock syndrome; a case of Group A strep causing fulminant sepsis, haemolysis and disseminated intravascular coagulation.	Dr Emma Deverall	5/11/07				Approved	30/11/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/76/EXP	Independent external evaluation of the BOPDHB provider arm refocus.	Dr Janet Clinton	20/11/07				Approved	25/11/07		Nil		Staff at hospitals in Whakatane and Tauranga
NTY/07/77/EXP	A retrospective review of the use of laxatives for the management of constipation in palliative care patients.	Ms Komal Kirti	12/11/07				Approved	30/11/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/78/EXP	Studying myocardial performance using echocardiography in septic ICU patients.	Dr Mohamed Bahr	19/11/07				Approved subject to conditions			Nil		N/a
NTY/07/79/EXP	A study of the sublingual microcirculation during cardiopulmonary bypass.	Dr Wai John Lee	19/11/07				Approved subject to conditions		Waikato DHB	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/80/EXP	Expectations of people referred to a liaison psychiatry service.	Mr Nicholas Eaddy	19/11/07				Approved	13/12/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/81/EXP	A study of 3D biomechanical models and measures in the evaluation of dynamic stability in children with cerebral palsy.	Ms Megan Moreau	27/11/07				Ethical approval not required	16/01/08		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/82/EXP	Evaluation of the restorative support programme ENLIVEN.	Ms Diane Jorgensen	27/11/07				Approved	14/12/07		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/83/EXP	Patient comparisons of those having 'Get Checked' annual reviews, and those who are not.	Dr Tim Kenealy	22/11/07				Approved	16/01/08		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/84/EXP	Case series of patients with acute overt thyrotoxicosis suffering venous thromboembolism.	Dr David Dong Wook Kim	21/11/07				Approved	16/01/08	Waitemata DHB	Nil		N/a
NTY/07/85/EXP	Investigation into reversible causes of pre-operative decrease in haemoglobin concentration in patients undergoing cardiac surgery.	Hamish Lala	23/11/07				Approved	25/01/08		Nil		N/a

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NTY/07/86/EXP	Hyponatraemia in the elderly.	Dr Helen Kenealy	15/12/07				Ethical approval not required	9/01/08		Nil		N/a
NTY/07/87/EXP	A review of Pacific cultural formulation tools utilised by WDHB for cultural assessment work alongside DSMIV cultural assessment statements – 'Matalafi Project' Phase Two.	Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni	18/12/07				Approved	9/01/08	Waitemata DHB	Nil		Nga Kai Tatakai – WDHB