



**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES & AFFILIATED TEACHING HOSPITALS RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD (HSREB)**

**HSREB Renewal of Ethics Clearance**

June 28, 2019

Ms. Jennifer Watt  
Smith School of Business  
Queen's University

**TRAQ #: 6021439**

**Department Code: SBUS-010-17**

**Study Title: "SBUS-010-17 Merger outcomes in Ontario hospitals"**

**Review Type: Delegated**

**Date Ethics Clearance Effective: June 28, 2019**

**Ethics Clearance Expiry Date: June 28, 2020**

Dear Ms. Watt:

The Queen's University Health Sciences & Affiliated Teaching Hospitals Research Ethics Board (HSREB) has reviewed the application. This study, including all currently approved documentation has been granted ethical clearance until the expiry date noted above.

Prior to the expiration of your ethics clearance, you will be reminded to submit your renewal report through TRAQ. Any lapses in ethical clearance will be documented below.

Lapse in Ethics Clearance: N/A

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert F. Clark".

Albert F. Clark, PhD

Chair, Queen's University Health Sciences and Affiliated Teaching Hospitals Ethics Board

The HSREB operates in compliance with, and is constituted in accordance with, the requirements of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2); the international Conference on Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice Consolidated Guideline (ICH GCP); Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations; Part 4 of the Natural Health Product Regulations; Part 3 of the Medical Devices Regulations, and the provisions of the Ontario Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA 2004) and its applicable regulations. The HSREB is qualified through the CTO REB Qualification Program and is registered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP). Federalwide Assurance Number: FWA#: 00004184, IRB#: 00001173. HSREB members involved in the research project do not participate in the review, discussion or decision.