RESEARCH COMMITTEE FINAL APPROVAL OF RESEARCH

Ms Diana Pillay

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Dear Ms Pillay

RE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAIN AND SLEEP IN SPINAL CORD INJURY PATIENTS

The above-mentioned research was reviewed by the Research Committee's delegated members and it is with pleasure that we inform you that your application to conduct this research at Netcare Rehabilitation Hospital, has been approved, subject to the following:

i) Research may now commence with this FINAL APPROVAL from the Academic Board of Netcare (Research Committee).

ii) All information with regards to Netcare will be treated as confidential.

iii) Netcare’s name will not be mentioned without written consent from the Academic Board of Netcare (Research Committee).

iv) All legal requirements with regards to patient rights and confidentiality will be complied with.

v) Insurance will be provided and maintained for the duration of the research. This cover provided to the researcher must also protect both the staff and the hospital facility from potential liability.

vi) In accordance with MCC approval, that medicine will be administered by or under direction of the authorised Trialist.

vii) The research will be conducted in compliance with the GUIDELINES FOR GOOD PRACTICE IN THE CONDUCT OF CLINICAL TRIALS IN HUMAN PARTICIPANTS IN SOUTH AFRICA (2000).

viii) The Academic Board of Netcare (Research Committee) will be informed, in writing, of the proposed date of commencement of the project.

ix) Netcare must be furnished with a STATUS REPORT on the progress of the study at least annually on 30th September irrespective of the date of approval from Academic
Board of Netcare (Research Committee) as well as a FINAL REPORT with reference to intention to publish and probable journals for publication, on completion of the study.

x) A copy of the research report will be provided to Netcare once it is finally approved by the tertiary institution, or once complete.

xi) Netcare has the right to implement any Best Practice recommendations from the research.

xii) Netcare reserves the right to withdraw the approval for research at any time during the process, should the research prove to be detrimental to the subjects/Netcare or should the researcher not comply with the conditions of approval.

We wish you success in your research.

Yours faithfully,

Prof Dion du Plessis
Full member: Research Committee & Medical Practitioner evaluating research applications as per Management and Governance Policy

Shannon Nell 27/9/2011
Chairperson: Research Committee

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