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Dr. Andrew Kirkpatrick Co-Chair Brain Injury & Trauma Research Committee Departments of Critical Care Medicine & Surgery Foothills Medical Centre

<u>#18724 - Management of Occult Pneumothoraces in Mechanically Ventilated Patients -</u> Calgary Pilot Study

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter of response which clearly addressed the issues previously raised by the Conjoint Scientific Review Committee. The additional information you provided was helpful in clarifying the Committee's concerns. The study has now received full scientific approval and will be forwarded to the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board for ethics review. No written response is required.

I wish you all the best with your study. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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