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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### **Project Title**

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### **Brief description of the case study and educational value**

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### **Intended publication(s)**

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## PROJECT TEAM

### **Author(s):**

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## ETHICAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

### **Number of Epworth patients in this case study?**

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### **Are any of the patients under 18 years of age?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

### **Will the patient(s) be identifiable in any publications?**

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

### **Will consent be obtained from the patient(s) or person with authority to consent on behalf of a patient lacking capacity?**

[ ]  Yes#

[ ]  No\*

# If yes, provide the consent template you intend to used

\*If no, provide explanation

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**I/We, the authors identified below, undertake:**

1. To observe the principles laid down in the most recent NHMRC Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research and The Declaration of Helsinki.
2. Not to publish this case study until institutional ethical approval is obtained from the Research Development and Governance Unit (RDGU).
3. To provide additional information about the case study, for the purposes of ensuring patient privacy and ethical conduct, if requested by the RDGU.
4. To notify the RDGU in writing immediately if any changes to the case study are proposed that would impact on its ethical consideration and await approval before proceeding with the proposed publication.
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