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Continuation of Protocol #2005-11 National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery

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The NCHS Research ERB reviewed the request for continuation approval of Protocol #2005-11 National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery using the expedited review procedure, based on 46.110 of 45 CFR 46(b)(1), category 9 continuing review of research, not conducted under an investigational new device exemption where categories 2 through 8 do not apply but the IRB has determined and documented at a convened meeting that the research involves no greater than minimal risk and no additional risks have been identified. Continuation of Protocol #2005-11 is approved for the maximum allowable period of one year.

IRB approval of protocol #2005-11 will expire on **08/25/2007**.

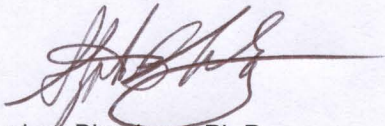
If it is necessary to continue the study beyond the expiration date, a request for continuation approval should be submitted about 6 weeks prior to 08/25/2007.

There is no grace period beyond one year from the last approval date. In order to avoid lapses in approval of your research and the possible suspension of subject enrollment, please submit your continuation request at least six (6) weeks before the protocol's expiration date of 08/25/2007. It is your responsibility to submit your research protocol for continuing review.

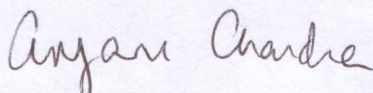
Any problems of a serious nature should be brought to the immediate attention of the Research ERB, and any proposed changes should be submitted for Research ERB approval before they are implemented.

Please submit "clean" copies of the revised protocol or consents and any other revised forms to this office for the official protocol file.

Please call or e-mail Dewey LaRochelle if you have any questions.



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