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Texas State University Institutional Review Board 601 University Dr. San Marcos, Texas 78666

To whom it may concern,

Mrs. Natasha D. Ray has the approval of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – New Braunfels to collect her data at our facility for her dissertation entitled "An Examination of the Effects of Pre-Surgical Education on Patient Expectations in Total Knee Arthroplasties." All of Mrs. Ray's documentation has been reviewed and guidelines established for her research meet the criteria for research to be conducted at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – New Braunfels. Her study establishes guidelines for selection of participants, privacy of participants' health information and data collected, informed consent, as well as risks and benefits to all participants involved in the current study. Her research has been deemed to be consistent with guidelines that meet CHRISTUS Santa Rosa – New Braunfels policies relating to research and direct patient care. No procedures have been identified which compromises any local, state, or federal privacy laws.

If further information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 830.606.2153.

Respectfully,

Patricia Toney, RN, BSN Chief Nursing Officer

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