To All BOOST II Investigators and ANZNN Directors

Dear Colleague

N Engl J Med, online 11 February 2016: Publication of two year outcomes in the BOOST II Trials

A paper describing two year outcomes in the Australian and UK BOOST II trials will be published online in the New England Journal on 11 February 2016. As you know, a paper describing outcomes to hospital discharge was published online on 5 May. In case you or other professional colleagues are contacted by the media, a Factsheet with Questions and Answers for Parents adapted from the earlier version provided in May 2013 will go on the NHMRC CTC website on Thursday 11 February 2016

http://www.ctc.usyd.edu.au/trials/other_trials/boost.htm and copies are attached.

Please email a copy of this letter and attachments to the Chair of your ethics committee for information.

Parents seeking more information will be encouraged to contact a specialist who cared for their baby. If the baby was in BOOST II, please thank them for supporting a study likely to improve the outlook for preterm babies worldwide. For those whose babies experienced an adverse outcome, it may help to explain that we will never be able to work out exactly why an individual baby had a particular outcome, and that the difference in oxygen targets only explains part of the risks. The attached Study Update for Parents may also be of help.

If you would like, any further information or to discuss any aspects in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Alpana Ghadge at 02 9562 5341 or alpana.ghadge@ctc.usyd.edu.au in the first instance.

Thank you for all your support for this important study, which will contribute important evidence in the management of oxygen targeting in preterm infants.

Yours sincerely

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