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RE: RETAINER International collaborative study

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that Dr Francesco Pata, Dr Gaetano Gallo and Dr Gianluca Pellino have been appointed as Italy leads for the RETAINER international study and to support ethical approval in Italian hospitals. This study is led by the Irish Surgical Research Collaborative, supported by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and in receipt of grant funding from the European Hernia Society.

Dr Pata, Dr Gallo and Dr Pellino can formally be considered Italian referents for RETAINER ethical approval. Ethical offices can officially consider Dr Pata, Dr Gallo and Dr Pellino as referees to obtain explanations about the study protocols.

The full protocol will be submitted with application and may also be provided along with any further supporting documentation may from: ISRC@rcsi.com.

Yours Sincerely,

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