

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK EHS RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

PROCEDURES INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

Procedure No

Title of Procedure

Name of Assessor Assessment date

Does this procedure already have ethical approval ?

If so, enter ethical number and expiry date

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This involves healthy adult volunteers rowing on a rowing ergometer at variable submaximal workloads and for variable durations. This procedure is undertaken as part of teaching classes in PESS or part of undergraduate and postgraduate research.

Rowing ergometry allows the external workload to be controlled, so that comparisons can be made between individuals technique, and measurements of efficiency made.

Where participants are not experienced in rowing technique, they will be instructed how to perform the correct rowing stroke technique by the experimenter. The participant will warm-up on the rowing ergometer prior to completing the sub-maximal test, as advised by the experimenter. The resistance (drag) is set by the experimenter prior to the sub-maximal test. During the test, the effort of the participant changes, but the resistance remains constant. The experimenter will inform the participant when the effort must change, (e.g. at set intervals), prior to the test, and during the test.

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Others, please specify

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Others, please specify

Members of local rowing clubs

4 Potential risks. To be explained before obtaining consent

Low Risk

All exercise carries risk of cardio vascular accident in those who are susceptible. The participants will complete a standard pre-test questionnaire prior to participation, and no one with a history of cardiovascular disease, or a recent musculoskeletal injury would be asked to undertake this procedure. Additionally, all labs and all PESS research would utilise an informed consent document prior to participation, which would explain the risks to the participant.

Accidents on rowing ergometers are very rare and the test protocol will be explained in detail to the participants prior to the test.

It should be noted that in teaching labs, ergometer rowing is currently undertaken by students of Sport and Exercise Sciences and PE, who are usually exercise tolerant. In PESS research, participants will have no contraindications to safe participation in exercise / physical activity.

5 Action to be taken in the event of a foreseeable emergency

The procedure will be terminated if the volunteer shows any sign of distress.

Standard first aid procedures may be required depending on the severity of the situation. The following standard procedure should be followed in the event of an incident occurring in the PESS building / UL Facility:

1. Stop the procedure. Position the subject to prevent self-injury.
2. If appropriate, raise the subject's lower limbs to improve blood flow. Should the subject fail to respond summon help immediately.
3. Check vital signs airways, breathing and circulation (ABC)
4. If required attempt CPR as soon as possible.
5. Requesting Help: Emergency Contact telephone numbers are listed on laboratory door:
 - During normal working hours 9am-5pm, use lab phone to contact the Student Health Centre on **061-202534**
 - Outside of normal working hours, or if the Student Health Centre number is engaged/busy, use the laboratory phone to dial 3333 for UL security personnel who will then contact the ambulance service. Contact one of the PESS First Aiders – names are listed on the PESS laboratory door.
6. When contacting the above clearly state: Location, Building, Room Number, Nature of Incident/Accident and provide a contact number.
7. Complete the UL 'Accident & Emergency' form (completed by the investigator, not the volunteer). Forms available on UL HR website: <https://www.ul.ie/hr/hr-policies-procedures-and-forms-z>

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Level of supervision required for procedure

PESS lecturing, research staff and teaching assistants

PESS postgraduate researcher

Others, please specify

Trained PESS postgraduate students

Trained PESS undergraduate students

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Other documentation required for this assessment ?

PESS Pre-test participant questionnaire

Participant Information Sheet

Others, please specify

Participant Consent Form

For office use only

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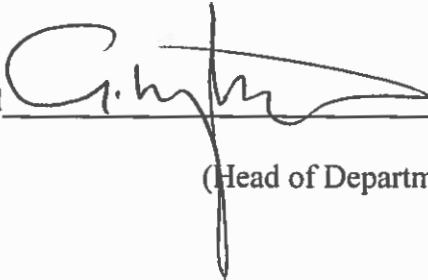
Name of Assessor **Alan Donnelly** Assessment date **November 2018**

8 **Committee approval for experiment**

- Granted**
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Others, please specify

Comments/conditions

Signed  Date 11/1/18
(Head of Department)