



ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL

CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

STATEMENT FOR THE STUDY TITLED:

EXPERIENCES OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE: PERCEPTIONS OF PATIENTS, CARERS AND CARE PROVIDERS

You are being invited to take part in a research study about the care provided to people living in a residential aged care facility who go to a hospital emergency department (ED) with an acute medical problem. We are interested in the perceptions of care providers about the care patients from aged care facilities receive in the ED. As a care provider in a hospital or residential aged care facility, we would like to know what you think works well with current ED care, and what can be improved.

If you decide to take part in the study, you will be asked to have a single interview with an experienced interviewer lasting about half to one hour. The interview will be conducted at a time and place convenient to you. You can stop the interview at any point in time.

The research is being conducted by Dr Glenn Arendts at Royal Perth Hospital in conjunction with Dr Kirsten Howard and A/Prof Susan Quine from the University of Sydney.

Information will be kept strictly confidential. With your permission, we will record the interview; the transcript of the interview will also be kept strictly confidential. A report or paper may be produced, but individual participants will not be identifiable in any reports. This report may contain quotes, but no names will be used. Your name will not be released to anyone and all identifying information will be stored securely at the Centre of Clinical Research in Emergency Medicine.

You will not receive any direct immediate benefits from this study nor will you receive any payment for your participation. You do not have to agree to participate, and you can withdraw from the study at any time, without prejudice or penalty.

Ethics approval

This research project has been approved by the Ethics Committee at Royal Perth Hospital. Further information may be obtained from the RPH Chief

Investigator, Dr Glenn Arendts, telephone (08) 9224 8458 or from the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, telephone (08) 9224 2244.

Further information

There are several sources of additional information:

1. Ask your study doctor any questions you like about the project.
2. For questions relating to the ethical approval, contact the Chairman of the Ethics Committee.

If after reading this sheet you are interested in enrolling in the trial you should now sign the CONSENT FORM.

Thank you for considering participating in this study.



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Consent Form (Care Provider)

I,.....
(name of participant)

of.....
(street) (suburb/town) (state & postcode)

have been invited to participate in a research project titled:

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1. I have read the participant information statement and any questions I have about the research project have been answered to my satisfaction
2. The project will involve my being interviewed. Any risks to me from participating in the interview have been explained
3. I understand that the interview will be audio recorded
4. I can refuse to take part or withdraw from the study at any time without affecting my relationship with the researchers
5. I understand that my involvement is strictly confidential and any information published from this study will not identify me in any way.

After considering these points, I accept the invitation to participate in this project.

Signature:.....
(participant / volunteer)

Date:.....