

Participant Information Sheet

Melbourne Dental School



Project: Antibiotic prescribing for dental presentations in Victorian general practice

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. Please take the time to read this information carefully before deciding whether you would like to participate in this study. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact researcher via the email address listed below.

What is this research about?

Dental presentations in general practice are common. The aim of the interviews is to understand general practitioners (GPs) treatment and management of patients (including antibiotic prescribing) coming in for dental conditions in general practice.

Who is eligible to participate?

GPs who are eligible to participate are those who are practising in Victoria and see patients for dental conditions at least once per month.

What will I be asked to do?

By consenting to participate, you will be asked to undertake an interview (up to 45 minutes) to gather in-depth information about managing dental conditions in general practice. The interview will be conducted either via telephone or Zoom conferencing platform and audio recorded.

What are the possible benefits?

By participating in this study your responses will be used to understand:

- ✓ The reasons for patients presenting to general practice for management of a dental condition.
- ✓ The views, knowledge, or concerns of GPs around management of dental conditions
- ✓ The factors that influence GPs to prescribe antibiotics for dental conditions.

Participating GPs will receive a \$100 digital Coles e-gift voucher at the completion of the interview in appreciation of their time.

What are the possible risks?

We believe that any risks to participating in this project are minimal. It is possible that you might feel uncomfortable discussing factors that impact on decisions to prescribe antibiotics or be concerned about judgment from the researcher. You may stop the survey at any time, and

should you feel uncomfortable at any stage, before or during the interview, you can withdraw from the interview at any stage without any consequences.

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation is completely voluntary. Withdrawal can be done at any time and your responses will not be used. You can decline to answer any questions without giving a reason. If you choose not to participate at any stage, there will not be any negative consequences.

Will I hear about the results of this project?

The results are aimed to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. A summary of the results is available at the conclusion of the study.

What will happen to information about me?

All your responses are anonymised and de-identified. Your name will be replaced by a pseudonym or code. Digital data will be stored on a secure, password protected server which is only accessible to named researchers and staff. Non-digital data will be stored in locked filing cabinets at the Melbourne Dental School, University of Melbourne. All data generated during this project will be stored securely for five years from the time of publication arising from the project. Data will then be disposed of in keeping with Melbourne Dental School policy.

Is there any potential conflict of interest?

There is no potential conflict of interest.

Who is funding this project?

There is no funding for this project.

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project, please contact the lead researcher: Dr Leanne Teoh (leanne.teoh@unimelb.edu.au).

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This research project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of The University of Melbourne. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Manager, Human Research Ethics, Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 3 8344 2073 or Email: HumanEthics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.