

Participant Information Sheet

Project Title: Visualising Equity: Exploring equity-oriented maternity care for Arabic-speaking, Muslim refugee background women in Victoria

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in participating in this PhD research study. The following few pages will provide you with further information about the study, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research.

Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research is voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time. This will not affect your relationship with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute or The University of Melbourne.

What is this research about?

This PhD project aims to explore the barriers and enablers to the provision of equity-oriented maternity care experienced by maternity care providers and identify strategies to support the workforce provide equity-oriented care to Arabic-speaking, Muslim women of refugee backgrounds at individual, organisation, and systems levels.

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What will I be asked to do?

You are invited to participate in an interview about your experiences of providing care to Arabic-speaking, Muslim women of refugee background in Victoria. Interviews will be conducted by Ms Aishah Jameel, a PhD student, either in-person, online (Zoom), or over the phone at a time that is convenient for you. Each interview will take 30-45 minutes to complete and will be audio-recorded.

You will be asked about:

- Your experiences of working with women from Arabic-speaking, Muslim and refugee backgrounds
- The barriers and enablers you have experienced when providing care to Arabic-speaking, Muslim women of refugee backgrounds
- How you think you and your colleagues can be supported to provide equity-oriented maternity care

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign an electronic consent form before the interview. By providing your consent, you are telling us that you:

1. Understand what you have read
2. Agree to be interviewed
3. Agree for your stories to be used by the research team in publications and other dissemination outputs

Reimbursement

You will not be paid for participating in the interviews.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There will be no immediate benefits to you taking part in the project. However, you will have the opportunity to express your views on the barriers and enablers you have experienced providing maternity care and support to Arabic-speaking, Muslim women of refugee background. We also want to know how you can be supported in your workplace and how maternity services can be improved to provide more equitable care.

We hope that the information collected will help to improve the maternity care experiences of refugee background women and public maternity service delivery in Victoria for refugee background women in the future.

What are the possible risks, side-effects, discomforts and/or inconveniences?

Some of the topics discussed during the interviews may unintentionally make you feel distressed, frustrated, or upset. If this occurs and you feel unable to continue, the interview will be stopped, and you are encouraged to speak to your GP. You are also free to withdraw from the interview at any time.

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Do I have to take part?

No. Your participation is voluntary, you do not have to take part if you do not want to, and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the project at any time. You do not need to provide a reason for withdrawal, and you can ask for your contributions to the study to be withdrawn. Your decision to withdraw will not affect your career, your relationship with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, or the University of Melbourne.

What will be done to make sure my information is confidential?

All information we collect for the study that can identify you will be treated as confidential. We can only disclose the information with your permission, except as required by law - for example, if you tell us something that makes us worried about your safety or a child's safety, or if we are ordered by a court.

All information will be stored securely at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Parkville in Melbourne. The information we collect will be re-identifiable. This means your name will not be recorded on any data, and your information will be given a special code number. Only the research team can match your name to your code number if it is necessary to do so.

What will happen to information about me?

Data will be stored electronically. In accordance with the Health Records Act, this data will be kept for 7 years after the study is completed. You have the right to access any information we collect from you. Please contact us if you would like to access the information. When we write or talk about the results of this project, information will be provided in a way that you cannot be identified.

The following people may access information collected as part of this research project:

- The research team involved with this project
- The University of Melbourne's Human Research Ethics Committee
- The Royal Children's Hospital, Research Ethics and Governance Office

Will I hear about the results of this project when it is finished?

We will send you a summary of the study results when available. The results will also be published as academic papers, used in conference (and other) presentations, a policy brief, reports, and online articles.

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project, please contact:

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Who is funding this project?

This project is supported by the Refugee and Migrant Research Program at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

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

This project has received human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne 2024-27820-48837-4 and governance authorisation for MCRI from the Royal Children's Hospital 105693. 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 Research Integrity Administrator, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 3 8344 1376 or Email: research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence, please provide the name of the research team and/or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.