Participant Information Statement

For online surveys

Research study: Survey of healthcare professionals' needs and support required to deprescribe opioids at transitions of care

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1. What is this study about?

We are conducting a research study about the resource needs and support healthcare professionals require to deprescribe (reduce) opioid analgesics at transitions of care (the movement between different care settings or providers). Participation is optional.

Please read this sheet carefully. If you have questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about, please contact Associate Professor Danijela Gnjidic, +61 2 9351 2298, **danijela.gnjidic@sydney.edu.au.**

2. Who is running this study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Associate Professor Danijela Gnjidic (Chief Investigator)
- Professor Chung-Wei Christine Lin (Principal Investigator)
- Associate Professor Carl R Schneider (Principal Investigator)
- Dr Aili Langford (Principal Investigator)

Jeffery Wang is conducting this study as a basis for a Masters of Philosophy (Research) at the University of Sydney.

3. Who can take part in the study?

We are seeking any registered healthcare professionals who are currently practising in Australia. You have been selected as a Healthcare Professional to participate in this study as you may have experience in looking after patients taking opioids in different care settings.

4. What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey involving a series of questions about the resource needs and support you require to deprescribe opioids at transitions of care.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

5. Can I withdraw once I have started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part.

Your decision will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

We do not anticipate your decision will affect your relationship with your current workplace or the University of Sydney.

By submitting your survey, you are consenting to take part in the study. You can withdraw any time before submitting by exiting the survey. Once your responses are submitted, we won't be able to tell which one is yours because the survey is anonymous. This means you cannot withdraw after submitting the survey.

6. Are there any risks or costs?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

7. Are there any benefits?

You will not receive any direct benefits from being in the study.

8. What will happen to information that is collected?

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting information from or about you for the purposes of this study.

Any identifiable information you provide us will be stored securely and will only be disclosed with your permission unless we are required by law to release information.

We plan to publish the study findings, and you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

We will store this information and dispose of it securely by following the University's Recordkeeping Policy. For more details about how your information will be handled please see the University's privacy webpage.

9. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. If you are interested in receiving feedback, please provide your contact details at the end of the survey. This feedback will be in the form of a brief lay summary.

10. What if I would like more information?

When you have read this information, the following researcher(s) will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have:

- A/Prof Danijela Gnjidic, Associate Professor, +61 2 9351 2298, **danijela.gnjidic@sydney.edu.au**

11. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney [ethics reference: 2024/HE000654] according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the University:

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