



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR QUT RESEARCH PROJECT
– Interviews (group and individual) –

InterACT study: Intervention for Appropriate Care and Treatment

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QUT Ethics Approval Number xxxx

RESEARCH TEAM

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DESCRIPTION

This research project is being undertaken as part of a NHMRC Partnership Project Grant (GNT1151923) led by the Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation (AusHSI) and the Australian Centre for Health Law Research (ACHLR) at Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The purpose of this research project is to implement a prospective feedback loop intervention in three acute hospitals, to promote appropriate care and treatment decisions and pathways for elderly patient populations at the end-of-life. This interview aims to inform and evaluate the implementation of the feedback loop intervention, and identify the barriers, enablers and impacts of this process.

You are invited to participate in this research project because you have been identified as someone who is involved in some way in this trial at *hospital name*, either directly or indirectly.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation will involve either a group or individual interview at your place of work or other agreed location and will take approximately 20 minutes of your time. The interview will be audio recorded and later transcribed. If you do not wish your session to be audio recorded, you can still participate. The interviewer will take notes during the session.

Question topics will include: thoughts about the InterACT intervention, the implementation process, internal and external contextual factors and their influence on the intervention (for example, leadership support, ward and hospital culture), the extent of implementation and your experiences of the feedback loop intervention.

Your participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering. If you do not wish to participate in a group setting, you are able to participate in an individual interview. You can withdraw from the research without comment

at any time. If you withdraw during a group session, any information you have provided to that point will be included in this research. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with QUT, *insert hospital name*, Metro North/Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, or Queensland Health.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

It is expected that this research project interview will not directly benefit you. Information provided by this research overall may assist clinicians in the future, enhancing the ability of healthcare providers to provide patients with appropriate care and treatment at the end of their life. Outcomes from this research may provide healthcare providers and policy makers with an approach to reduce the use of unnecessary health services for patients nearing end-of-life, releasing resources for other healthcare needs.

RISKS

There are minimal risks associated with your participation in this project. These include:

- Distress caused by feeling that your answers may affect your working relationships.
- Distress caused by fear or inability to share opinions in a group setting.

These risks will be minimized by:

- Responses will be presented in aggregate (grouped) form only.
- No questions have a right or wrong answer, but instead ask for your opinion. The researcher will outline this at the beginning of the session and ask everyone to be open to all responses.
- You will have the opportunity to provide one-on-one feedback to the researcher at the end of the meeting, by phone, email, or via appointment.
- If you choose, you may participate in an individual interview, so that your responses are known only to the research team.

Research participants who experience discomfort or distress as a result of their participation in the research can contact the Lifeline free telephone counselling service on 131 114. As a QUT research participant you can also access a limited free counselling service at QUT by contacting the Clinic Receptionist of the QUT Psychology Clinic on 07 3138 0999. Please indicate to the receptionist that you are a research participant of this project.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All data collected will be treated confidentially unless required by law, or by regulatory or monitoring bodies, such as the Human Research Ethics Committee. The names of individual persons are not required in any of the responses. Transcriptions of the session will not include any identifying information.

Any data collected as part of this research project will be stored securely, as per QUT's Management of research data policy, on password protected hard disk drives at QUT, with automated backup, in a secure facility, accessible only by nominated study team members. Data will be retained for a minimum of 15 years.

The research project is funded by a NHMRC Partnership Project Grant (GNT1151923). As per NHMRC requirements, non-identifiable data collected during this study will be stored on an open access database for secondary analysis at the conclusion of the project. Non-identifiable data from this research project may be used as comparative data in future projects or stored on an open access database for secondary analysis.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

We will ask you prior to your interview to sign a consent form, indicating your agreement to participate. This form will also ask your permission to audio record the session. If you do not consent to the session being audio recorded you can still participate, the facilitator will take notes instead.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Research Project Manager, Alison Farrington, Alison.Farrington@qut.edu.au or 3138 6132.

QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT

If you have any questions or require further information please contact:

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CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

QUT is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team on 3138 5123 or email humanethics@qut.edu.au. The QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC/2019/RBWH/51606). Should you wish to discuss the study in relation to your rights as a participant, or should you wish to make an independent complaint, you may contact the Coordinator or Chairperson, Human Research Ethics Committee, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Herston, Qld, 4029 or telephone (07) 3646 5490, email: RBWH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS RESEARCH PROJECT.
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