

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Project ID: 28002

Project title: Knowledge, attitudes and current practice survey about long-acting reversible contraception and early medical abortion in primary care.

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We are inviting you to take part in a survey that is being conducted by the SPHERE CRE (Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women in Primary Care Centre of Research Excellence), at Monash University, and funded by an NHMRC Partnership Grant. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information, please contact a member of the research team via the contact information above or AusCAPPS.trial@monash.edu.

What does the research involve?

The aim of the study is to describe the levels of knowledge, attitudes and current practice (KAP) amongst general practitioners (GPs) and practice nurses (PNs) working in general practice, as well as community pharmacists (CPs) regarding long acting reversible contraception (LARC) and early medical abortion (EMA). We are inviting GPs, PNs and CPs to complete a survey in relation to this. You will also be asked to provide demographic information. The survey will be conducted online and should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Why were you chosen for this research?

We are inviting you to participate in this research because you are a primary care clinician working either as a GP, or PN working in general practice, or a community pharmacist.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and your decision to participate or not will not affect your employment/work agreements or future employment/work opportunities. By completing the survey, implied consent will be assumed. Survey respondents are free to discontinue participation at any time by closing the survey browser. After completing the survey, it will not be possible to withdraw your survey data as your personal details are not linked to the survey responses. You can contact the AusCAPPS Project Team at AusCAPPS.trial@monash.edu if you have any concerns.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

Your participation will support national research into LARC and EMA service provision. We do not expect that your participation in the study will cause you any risks outside your usual work-related activities as a healthcare professional. You may find that some of the questions confronting where some of the discussion pertains to your experiences or opinions of medical abortion. If you wish to speak to someone about any discomfort you experience, please contact emergency and after-hours mental health services (that can be used by both Monash and non-Monash University individuals), from <http://www.monash.edu.au/counselling/> or phone Lifeline (13 11 14).

Payment

If you choose to participate and complete the survey, you will have an opportunity to win one of ten iPad Pros through a lucky draw. Prior to being entered in the lucky draw, your AHPRA number will be verified using the name provided.

Successful lucky draw winners will receive advice about the results following the conclusion of the survey, sent to the email that you provide.

Confidentiality

All the information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your personal details will be stored separately from the survey information. Survey information will be aggregated so that your responses will not be identifiable. Your information will only be used for the purpose of this research project. Only the researchers involved in this study will have access to details and responses provided.

Storage of data

Data collected will be stored in accordance with Monash University regulations for five years. All electronic data will be password protected and stored in a secure Monash electronic platform. Only the researchers involved in this study will have access to the data and where non-Monash University parties require access (including for statistical analysis) secure data exchange methods will be used such as password protected USB drives, encrypted files, or a secure file sharing folder.

Use of data for other purposes

The aggregated de-identified data collected may be used for purposes other than this study where ethics approval has been granted. You will not be identifiable in any way. At the end of the survey you will be asked if you wish to participate in future networking opportunities.

Results

Results from this study will be published in journal articles, conference presentations, and research reports.

Complaints

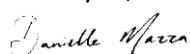
Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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Thank you,



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