

## **Patient experience and role in interprofessional collaborative practice in primary care (AD02910)**

Phase 1 – Members of Patient Advisory/Advocacy Groups

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You are invited to take part in this research project, which aims to explore and define current and potential roles of individuals in interprofessional collaborative practice in primary care to effectively manage complex and/or long-term medical conditions. The study will explore the experiences and roles of individuals in their team care.

This study is being conducted by Alexandra Davidson, PhD Candidate at Bond University and will contribute to her thesis. Alexandra is supported by Dr Dianne Reidlinger (Associate Professor, Bond University), Dr Mark Morgan (GP and Professor, Bond University) and Dr Lauren Ball (Associate Professor, Griffith University). This research is being conducted by Bond University's Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine.

This participant information sheet tells you about the research project and the processes involved with taking part. Please read this information *carefully*. Ask questions about anything that you do not understand or want to know more about. Before deciding whether or not to take part, you might want to talk about it with a relative, friend or colleague.

### **What is the purpose of this research?**

The project is intended to explore the experiences of individuals with complex or long-term medical conditions in their team care. We are interested in your opinions of how patients may experience and what their role is in team care in primary care settings. The outcome of this study is to develop a framework to inform collaborative team care.

### **Why have I been invited to participate?**

You have been invited to participate because you are a member of a patient advocacy or advisory group that represents patients with a long-term medical condition or patients in primary health care in Australia.

### **What does participation in this research involve?**

You and other members of the advocacy or advisory group will be invited to a focus group discussion led by Alexandra Davidson, supported by another member of the research team. If Government regulations are in place to limit to essential travel only, then we will discuss using technology, telephone or videoconference for your focus group.

The focus group will last for about one hour to 90minutes and will be audio recorded, and the transcripts will be used in data analysis. Questions in this focus group will be about your personal and professional opinions of team care in primary healthcare settings and the role patients may play.

Participation in this research project is voluntary.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

- We cannot guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this research; however, possible benefits may include:
  - You will be gifted with a retail gift voucher as a thank you for your time,
  - Opportunity to share your professional opinion and experiences,
  - Potential to improve professional practice

### **What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?**

- It is possible you may feel uncomfortable with some of the questions. In this case, if you do not wish to answer a question, you may skip it and go to the next question.

### **What can I do if I have a complaint or concern?**

Any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should be directed to the:

Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC)  
Research Services  
Building 1C, Level 4,  
Bond University, Robina, QLD 4226  
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[research@bond.edu.au](mailto:research@bond.edu.au)

Any complaints will be investigated promptly, and you will be informed of the outcome.

### **Further information and who to contact:**

If you have any questions please contact the Primary Researcher

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