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Information Statement for the research project

Independent practice characteristics of early-career GPs and associations of practice characteristics with GP vocational training experiences Document Version 1; dated [09/08/2018]

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You are invited to participate in the research project identified above which is being conducted by a team of researchers from GP Synergy, Discipline of General Practice, University of Newcastle, Eastern Victoria General Practice Training, General Practice Training Tasmania, Discipline of General Practice, and Primary Care Clinical Unit, University of Queensland, and the Department of Health and Human Services, University of Tasmania.

This project has been funded by The Royal Australian College of General Practice, RACGP.

Why is the research being done?

The purpose of this research is to develop greater understanding of the post-training outcomes for early-career GPs. From a workforce planning perspective, it is critical to establish whether GP graduates continue to work in general practice, where they work, and how they work.

We also wish to explore the possible influences of training experiences on early-career GPs' practice. It is important to establish the relationship between early-career work practices and training-experiences to assist Regional Training Organisations in best preparing their registrars for unsupervised post-training practice.

Who can participate in the research?

We are seeking GP Synergy, EVGPT and GPTT alumni who achieved Fellowship between 2016 and 2018. You have been identified by your former Regional Training Organisation (RTO) as having achieved Fellowship with RACGP and/or ACRRM between January 2016 and July 2018. Your current practice details were located by your former RTO, using publicly available online databases, such as the AHPRA and Yellow Pages websites.

What would you be asked to do?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The will include questions on your current practice demographics, the nature and extent of your GP work, and your attitudes towards the usefulness of your training experiences. You may choose to complete either a hard copy or online version of the survey. You will receive both. **Please only respond to one.**

If you choose to participate in this research, we will also ask for your consent to link your questionnaire responses with routinely collected training data from your former RTO and data collected in the ReCEnT project (if you participated in ReCEnT). You are not obliged to consent to linking this information with your questionnaire responses. If you do not wish your responses to be linked with data held by your RTO, you will be asked to complete a few additional questions related to your demographics and in-training experiences.

What choice do you have?

Participation in this research is entirely your choice. Only those people who give their informed consent will be included in the project. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you. It will not affect your ongoing relationship with your former RTO.

If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw from the project at any time and withdraw your data at any time.

How much time will it take?

The questionnaire should take about 10 minutes to complete.

What are the risks and benefits of participating?

There are no anticipated risks associated with participating in this research.

You will not benefit directly from participation in this study, but your participation will provide valuable understanding of training gaps and guide improvement of GP vocational training for future GP registrars to better prepare them for unsupervised practice.

Participants will be offered a \$25 gift card as compensation for time taken to participate in the study.

How will your privacy be protected?

The collected data will be de-identified and stored securely on a password protected computer accessible only to the research team. No identifiable data will be shared across RTOs. Data will be retained for a minimum of 5 years as per University of Newcastle requirements.

Due to the de-identified nature of the questionnaire, the responses you provide will not be re-identifiable by anyone outside the research team of your individual RTO.

How will the information collected be used?

The information collected will be analysed and may be presented in academic publications, conferences and newsletters. Non-identifiable data may also be shared with other parties to encourage scientific scrutiny and to contribute to further research and public knowledge, or as required by law. Individual participants will not be named or identified in any reports arising from the project.

Once the project is complete, the project team will provide a summary of the results to all participating RTOs to distribute to their alumni.

What do you need to do to participate?

Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you participate by completing the questionnaire. If there is anything you do not understand, or you have questions, contact the researchers.

If you would like to participate, please complete the de-identified questionnaire and return it in the reply envelope provided. Alternatively, please follow the online link and complete the questionnaire online.

Further information

If you would like further information, please contact Conjoint Professor Parker Magin (0408953872) or Dr Alison Fielding by phoning 02 4910 0527. Thank you for considering this invitation.



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Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2018-0333.

Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Services, NIER Precinct, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 4921 6333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.