



Focus Group Information

Project: Reducing urinary catheter use: a randomised controlled study on the efficacy of an electronic reminder system

The CATH TAG is an electronic reminder system that has been designed to reduce urinary catheter use in Australian hospitals. The ultimate purpose of the CATH TAG is to reduce catheter associated infections in healthcare. We hope that the CATH TAG will help to reduce your workload in caring for patients with catheters. You nominated to participate in a focus group and have been selected to participate. The focus groups aims to further evaluate the implementation of the CATH TAG on your ward.

WHO IS BEING INVITED OR SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE?

Nurses, who have used the CATH TAG in delivering patient care.

WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

The focus group is a group discussion. We want to encourage you to discuss anything you think is important regarding the CATH TAG. We are going to ask you questions relating to your experiences with the CATH TAG to prompt discussion. We are interested in your opinion and feedback. We want to know what went well and any problems you might have experienced.

There are no right or wrong answers.

We are adopting the 'Chatham House Rule' in this focus group which means that there is an agreement that you can discuss the content of this focus group outside of this session, but it is important that the source or the person contributing that information is not identified.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

It is anticipated that the focus group will take about 1.5 hours.

POSSIBLE RISKS OR INCOVENIENCES

No risks or inconveniences are anticipated with participating in this focus group.

BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES

With your feedback you can help us improve the CATH TAG to help you reduce your work load. For your time we offer you a **\$100 gift card** at the end of the focus group.

RESEARCH TEAM

The lead investigator for this study is Professor Brett Mitchell. Other investigators are Dr Oyebola Fasugba, Professor Allen Cheng, Dr Philip Russo and A/Professor Maria Northcote.

CONFIDENTIALITY, ANONYMITY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

With your permission we will record this focus group. Recordings of this focus group will be used exclusively for the purpose of evaluating the CATH TAG.



All names will be removed from the data and you will be allocated a numerical code which will be used for all observations, interview and questionnaire data.

Data from this study may also be used in future research or may be provided to other researchers but only in a format that does not identify any participant in any way. The data will be stored for five years in a locked cabinet at the Nursing Faculty at Avondale College. At the end of the five-year period after the conclusion of the research, hard copies will be shredded and electronic data will be erased from discs, servers and hard drives.

All aspects of the study including results will be stored securely and only accessed by the researchers unless you consent otherwise.

USE OF INFORMATION COLLECTED

The information collected will be analysed and reported in a thesis, scientific papers, professional reports conferences. Confidentiality of individual participants and organisations will be assured. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified. Participants will be sent a summary of the final results if interested.

FREEDOM OF CONSENT

Participation in this research is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not to participate. Only people who give their informed consent will be participating in the focus group. Even if you agree to participate you may withdraw at any time without giving a reason. If you decide not to participate, or wish to withdraw from the project at any time, you will not be disadvantaged.

Please read this information statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate.

If you would like to participate please sign the consent form.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

If you would like further information or if you have any questions, please contact the lead investigator of this study:

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This research project has been approved by the Avondale College of Higher Education Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). Should you have any complaint concerning the manner in which this research project is conducted, please contact the lead investigator, Brett Mitchell (for contact details see above). Should you prefer an independent person, please contact Avondale's HREC Secretary, Avondale College of Higher Education, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265, or phone (02) 4980 2121 or fax (02) 4980 2117 or email: research.ethics@avondale.edu.au

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Professor Brett Mitchell