

# Human Research Ethics

## Participant Information Statement

For focus groups, questionnaires or interviews



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Regarding Research Project: **Modernising Patient Pathways – Vision 2030**  
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Dear potential research participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project noted above which is being conducted by researchers from the University of Newcastle under the auspices of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Community Pharmacy Section. This project has been funded by the Community Pharmacy Section of FIP. The information below provides more detail about the study and how you can participate, if you choose to do so.

### 1. What is the research study about?

The research study "Modernising Patient Pathways – Vision 2030" aims to develop a forward-thinking and comprehensive vision for community pharmacy. This project will build upon the established competencies of community pharmacists (Review, Prescribe, Dispense, Administer) and integrate insights from stakeholders to refine the vision for community pharmacy for the year 2030.

### 2. Who is conducting the research?

This research is being conducted by researchers from the University of Newcastle's College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing under the auspices of the FIP Community Pharmacy Section.

### 3. Who can participate in the research?

This research study is recruiting people who are leaders from FIP national member organizations who are interested in community pharmacy practice. Participants have been identified through roles within FIP national member organizations.

The research study is not suitable for those who are under 18 years of age.

### 4. What does participation involve?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete the following research activities:

- Participation involves participating in a semi-structured interview conducted virtually. The interviews will be recorded. Each interview will last approximately 1 hour.

### 5. Do you have to take part in this research study?

No. Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. And, if you do agree to participate, you can withdraw from the research study at any time without giving a reason. If you decide to withdraw during or after the interview, researchers will be able to withdraw any data already contributed during the interview.

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#### **6. What is the benefit of participating in this research study?**

By participating in this interview, you may have the opportunity to contribute to shaping the future vision of community pharmacy, potentially influencing how community pharmacists operate and provide services by 2030. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to share their insights and experiences, which will be valuable for the development of effective and sustainable community pharmacy practices.

#### **7. Are there any risks associated with your participation in this research?**

There are no anticipated risks associated with participation. However, discussing professional experiences and opinions may cause minor discomfort for some participants. Should you find any of the activities upsetting, you can ask to stop or pause the interview or skip any questions or you can withdraw your participation at any time.

#### **8. How will your privacy be protected?**

Only the research team will have access to the data, and it will be stored securely on the University OneDrive. Participants names will not be disclosed and will be identified with a number code system if specific quotes are required (i.e., PHA1, PHA2). We ask that participants keep all discussions confidential and not disclose any content to outside parties. Data will be retained securely for a minimum period of five years from the completion of the research project. Information will be managed and stored in accordance with the [University's Research Data and Materials Management Guideline](#) or any successor Guideline as well as any other applicable University of Newcastle policy provisions.

Each recording will be transcribed using a professional transcription service. This will be the Australian registered Transcription Service "Transcript Divas Australia" (ABN 44 925 005 362).

#### **9. How will information collected by the research team be used?**

The information will be collated and analyzed and may be presented in academic publications, at conferences or in journal articles.

Individual participants will not be identifiable in any of the outputs generated from the research project, but individual anonymous responses may be quoted.

Non-identifiable data may be shared with other parties as part of a peer-review process to verify the robustness and integrity of the study, or to contribute to further research and public knowledge.

If you would like a copy of the summary of the results, please note this on the Consent Form provided or email the Chief Investigator at [sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au).

#### **10. What you need to do to provide consent to participate?**

Read this Information Statement in its entirety and be sure you understand all of the information provided before agreeing to participate.

If there is anything you do not understand, or if you have questions, contact [sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au).

If you decide to participate, please complete and sign the Consent Form provided and return it to the Chief Investigator noted on the form.

#### **11. What if you want to withdraw from the research study?**

You may withdraw from the study at any time by contacting [sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au).

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Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with the University of Newcastle or any of the other organisations involved in this research.

#### **12. Do you need more information?**

If you would like more information about this research project and your potential involvement, please contact [sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au).

Thank you for your time and consideration of this information,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Dineen-Griffin", written in a cursive style.

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#### **Concerns or complaints about this research**

This project has been approved by the University of Newcastle's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2024-0222.

If you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or if you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, please contact the Chief Investigator, Dr Sarah Dineen-Griffin, at [sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sarah.dineengriffin@newcastle.edu.au).

If you would prefer to contact someone independent of the research project, you can forward your concerns to:

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