

Consent - Consumer

Online Survey Participant Information - Consumer

Project title: Surveying attitudes of people experiencing respiratory disease and respiratory healthcare providers to clinical sample analysis.

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You are invited to participate in a survey which seeks to understand current attitudes towards how blood and respiratory samples are used in the management of respiratory diseases. You are asked to take part in this project if you are someone living with a respiratory disease or their guardian.

Aim of the Study (What is the project about?)

Scientific studies suggest that counting the types of cells within samples from the lung such as sputum/phlegm helps healthcare professionals assess respiratory diseases and inform which treatments may or may not be appropriate. However, cell counts for samples from the lung are still not performed widely and the aim of this study is to evaluate the major reasons why and how new technological opportunities such as automated image analysis may benefit respiratory healthcare.

What does participation involve?

You will be asked to anonymously complete a survey. The majority of questions are multiple choice and will require an answer. There are some optional opportunities to enter some personal experiences. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study

Participation is completely voluntary. Your participation will be anonymous and withdrawal will not be possible.

Your privacy

All responses will be anonymous and no personal information about you is collected. The responses will be stored securely using password protected servers at Telethon Kids Institute and the University of Western Australia for a period of seven years before it is deleted.

Possible Benefits

There is no direct benefit to you but this survey will give you an opportunity to contribute to a conversation on the needs and priorities for the use of respiratory samples in healthcare. Data from this project may indirectly benefit you and other people living with respiratory disease by helping to improve future tests on respiratory samples. Study results will not be provided immediately but will be available on request. We will seek to publish survey data from this project within a respiratory journal.

Possible Risks and Risk Management Plan

There are no foreseeable risks associated with the participation in this study.

Contacts

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study please feel free to contact Dr Luke Garratt at luke.garratt@uwa.edu.au.

Approval to conduct this research has been provided by the University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures. Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting the Human Ethics office at UWA on +618 6488 3703 or by emailing to humanethics@uwa.edu.au. All research participants are entitled to retain a copy of any Participant Information Form and/or Participant Consent Form relating to this research project.

1) Consent Statement

- Yes
- No

I have read the information provided and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in this research project, that I am over 18 years of age, and acknowledge withdrawal is not possible once my responses are submitted.