

## Participant Information Statement

### **Research study:** General Practitioners' Perspectives on Cervical Screening Test Self-Collection

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#### **1. What is this study about?**

We are conducting a research study about general practitioners' (GP) perspectives on cervical screening tests, in particular self-collection. Taking part in this study is voluntary.

Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

#### **2. Who is running this study?**

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Dr Tali Feiglin, Academic GP Registrar, Associate Lecturer, General Practice Clinical School, Sydney Medical School, Faculty of Medicine and Health
- Prof Melissa Kang, Co-Head, General Practice Clinical School, Sydney Medical School, Faculty of Medicine and Health
- Dr Allyce Counsell, Lecturer, General Practice Clinical School, Sydney Medical School, Faculty of Medicine and Health

#### **3. Who can take part in the study?**

Any AHPRA registered GPs who have completed GP training, are working in Australia and regularly see patients for cervical screening including self-collection consultations.

#### **4. What will the study involve for me?**

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to participate in an online interview, conducted via USYD Zoom or phone, with a member of the research team. The time and date for the interview will be coordinated with you. The interview will last approximately 30-45 minutes. You will be asked questions about your perspectives on cervical screening, particularly self-collection, and your perspectives on patient engagement with self-collection. The interview will be audio recorded and transcribed and you will be provided with an opportunity to review the transcription before the data is analysed if you wish.

If you wish to participate in the interview, please contact:

Dr Tali Feiglin, Academic GP Registrar

email: tali.feiglin@sydney.edu.au

## **5. Can I withdraw once I have started?**

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to participate.

Your decision will not affect your current or future relationship with the research team or anyone else at the University of Sydney.

If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind you can withdraw at any time by informing the research team using the contact information provided on this statement. If you withdraw prior to completing the interview, we will stop collecting information from you. If you don't want the information already collected to be included in the study results please notify the research team at the time, or as soon as possible. If you withdraw after completing the interview, you will have the option to remove your data from the study (unless the data has been de-identified or the final research report and/ or journal article has already been published). You will receive a \$100 gift voucher after conducting your interview, even if you later withdraw from the study.

## **6. Are there any risks or costs?**

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study. However, it is possible that some participants could find the topic distressing should they have had a personal or professional incident related to cervical screening or cervical cancer. If this were to arise during an interview, you are free to terminate the interview at any time. Our research team will provide a list of counselling and support services that are available to you, should you wish to contact them.

Counselling services include:

- Drs4Drs: 1300 374 377 (Australia wide)
- Drs' Health Line: 1800 006 888

Are there any benefits?

Participants will be offered a \$100 gift voucher on completion of the interview to thank them for their participation.

## **7. What will happen to information that is collected?**

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting information from or about you for the purposes of this study.

Any identifiable information you provide us will be stored securely and will only be disclosed with your permission unless we are required by law to release information.

We plan to publish the study findings. You will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. A de-identified set of the data collected in this study may be made available for use in future research. For example, data collected in this study may be used for a comparative study to see how perspectives on self-collection change with time.

We will use USYD Zoom AI, Microsoft Stream, or Pacific Transcription to transcribe interviews. This will involve sharing your information with Zoom/Microsoft/Pacific Solutions. We will not share this information with anyone else without your consent unless we are required to do so by law. Zoom is owned by Zoom Video Communications Inc. and is located in San Jose, California, US. Microsoft Stream is owned by Microsoft and located in Redmond, Washington, US. Pacific Transcription is owned by Pacific Solutions Pty Ltd and located in Milton, Queensland, Australia.

We will store this information and dispose of it securely following the University's Recordkeeping Policy. For more details about how your information will be handled please see the University's [privacy webpage](#).

#### **8. Will I be told the results of the study?**

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. This option will be provided to you on the consent form, where you can indicate if you would like to receive feedback. This feedback will be in the form of a brief research report.

#### **9. What if I would like more information?**

When you have read this information, the following researcher will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have:

Dr Tali Feiglin, Academic GP Registrar

email: [tali.feiglin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:tali.feiglin@sydney.edu.au)

#### **10. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?**

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney [ethics reference: 2025/HE000135] according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the University:

Human Ethics Manager

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