
INFORMATION SHEET

Title: Factors that support GPs and Specialist Physicians to make use of work related Smartphone Applications.

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Description of the study:

This study is part of a project entitled '*Factors that support GPs and Specialist Physicians to make use of work related Smartphone Applications*'. This project will investigate how GPs and specialist physicians with an interest in palliative care use smartphone applications (apps) in healthcare practice. In addition it will explore the functionality and usability of the palliAGEDgp app for palliative care in your practice. This project is supported by Flinders University Palliative and Supportive Services department.

Purpose of the study:

This project aims to find out:

- How GPs use healthcare related smartphone apps within the work context
- Where and why GPs access the palliAGED smartphone app
- Any common barriers to accessing the palliAGED smartphone app
- The views of specialist physicians, with an interest in palliative care, on the palliAGED app

What will I be asked to do?

You are invited to complete a survey. Based on past experience this survey will take 10 minutes to complete. The survey is designed to collect information about your:

- a. Demographics;
- b. Usage of healthcare related smartphone apps within the work context; and
- c. Experience with the palliAGEDgp smartphone app.

What benefit will I gain from being involved in this study?

The sharing of your experiences will improve the palliAGEDgp app as well as help with the planning and delivery of future apps relevant to palliative care. We are very keen to deliver services and resources which are as useful as possible to healthcare professionals.

Will I be identifiable by being involved in this study?

No. The survey is designed to collect general demographic data only. There will be no requirements to leave any specific details such as your name or email address for the survey.

The last question will ask if you are willing to participate in a telephone interview. If you agree to a telephone interview, you will be linked to a separate online form to provide your details. Importantly, this identifiable information will be unconnected with the data provided within the survey tool.

Are there any risks or discomforts if I am involved?

The investigator anticipates no risks or discomforts from your involvement in this study. If you have any concerns regarding anticipated risks or discomforts, please raise them with the investigator.

How do I agree to participate?

Participation is voluntary. Completion of the survey will be considered as you providing consent.

How will I receive feedback?

Outcomes from the project will be written in report form and published papers from the project will be available from journals and conferences. CareSearch will also announce and provide links to these materials when they are available for public view.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and we hope that you will accept our invitation to be involved.

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project number 7451 here following approval). For more information regarding ethical approval of the project the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 8201 3116, by fax on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au

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