

Participant Information Sheet – General (Extended) - Health Care Interpreters

Project Title: Confidentiality of Health Care Information in CALD Communities

Project Summary: The purpose of the project is to investigate the boundaries of confidentiality in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities, and whether cultural characteristics may influence where boundaries are drawn.

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by Ms Catherine Larcombe, Master of Clinical Psychology Student under the Supervision of Dr. Roy Laube, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University.

How is the study being paid for?

The study is being sponsored by the School of Psychology, Western Sydney University. There is no external funding for this project.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to provide certain demographic details like your age, gender and years experience as a professional health care interpreter. You will then complete a questionnaire about confidentiality of client health care information and values of the culture you interpret for.

How much of my time will I need to give?

Approximately 15-20 minutes.

What benefits will I, and/or the broader community, receive for participating?

There are no expected immediate or direct benefits, however research in this area can benefit CALD communities by informing future research and health care practice. Deeper understanding of cross-cultural perspectives on constructs in health care ethics can lead to more effective and specialised health care for CALD community members.

Will the study involve any risk or discomfort for me? If so, what will be done to rectify it?

There are no expected discomfort or ill effects that result from filling out the questionnaire. Should you feel discomfort, please consult the following contacts: Lifeline (an independent free counselling service, phone 13 11 14, or online chat at www.lifeline.org.au) beyondblue (a support service for depression and anxiety, phone 1300 22 4636, or online chat at www.beyondblue.org.au) or your local GP. If you prefer support in a language other than English, please phone the Transcultural Mental Health Centre on 9912 3851.

How do you intend to publish or disseminate the results?

Please be assured that your responses are anonymous and only accessed by the researchers. The results of the study will be interpreted in a Masters thesis with potential to be published in an academic journal.

Will the data and information that I have provided be disposed of?

Please be assured that only the researchers will have access to the raw data you provide, which will be anonymous. However, your data may be used in other related projects for an extended period of time. This may include other research projects within the University on cross-cultural health care.

Can I withdraw from the study?

Participation is entirely voluntary and you are not obliged to be involved. If you do participate you can withdraw at any time without giving reason.

Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you can tell other people about the study by sharing the survey link to other Health Care Interpreters in your network. You can also provide them with the researcher's contact details if they wish to discuss their participation in the project and obtain an information sheet.

What if I require further information?

Please contact Catherine Larcombe at 20497705@student.westernsydney.edu.au should you wish to discuss the research further before deciding whether or not to participate

What if I have a complaint?

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may contact the Ethics Committee through Research Engagement, Development and Innovation (REDI) on Tel +61 2 4736 0229 or email humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au.

Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.

If you agree to participate in this study, you may be asked to sign the Participant Consent Form. The information sheet is for you to keep and the consent form is retained by the researcher/s.

This study has been approved by the Western Sydney University Human Research Ethics Committee. The Approval number is H14999



What will happen with my information if I agree to it being used in projects other than this one?

Thank you for considering being a participant in a University research project. The researchers are asking that you agree to supply your information (data) for use in this project and to also agree to allow the data to potentially be used in future research projects.

This request is in line with current University and government policy that encourages the re-use of data once it has been collected. Collecting information for research can be an inconvenience or burden for participants and has significant costs associated with it. Sharing your data with other researchers gives potential for others to reflect on the data and its findings, to re-use it with new insight, and increase understanding in this research area.

You have been asked to agree to Extended consent.

Extended consent

When you agree to extended consent it means that you agree that your data, as part of a larger dataset (the information collected for this project) can be re-used in projects that are

- an extension of this project
- closely related to this project
- in the same general area of this research.

The researchers will allow this data to be used by the researchers for future and continued study on this topic.

To enable this re-use, your data will be held at the University in its data repository and managed under a Data Management Plan. The stored data available for re-use **will not** have information in it that makes you identifiable. The re-use of the data will only be allowed after an ethics committee has agreed that the new use of the data meets the requirements of ethics review.

The researchers want to keep the data for five years for possible re-use. After this time the data will be securely destroyed.

You are welcome to discuss these issues further with the researchers before deciding if you agree. You can also find more information about the re-use of data in research in the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#) – see Sections 2.2.14 - 2.2.18.

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018>