



Appendix I: Participant Information Sheet – Phase II National survey for Dietitians

Project Title: Developing a dietitian led oral health program for individuals with an eating disorder- A mixed methods needs assessment

Project Summary:

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by Tiffany Patterson Norrie, PhD student at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University, under the supervision of A/Prof Ajesh George, Research Director at the Centre for Oral Health Outcomes, Research & Translation (COHORT) at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University. This national survey is Phase II of a three part study investigating the current role and experiences of dietitians in oral health promotion and prevention and explore the perceptions of individuals with an ED regarding their oral health practices. Specifically, this survey will aim to understand the knowledge attitudes and practices of dietitians in oral health promotion.

How is the study being paid for?

This project is being undertaken with the support of Research and Teaching Support (RTS) funds available to students completing higher degree research. In addition, this project is receiving in kind support assistance from the Centre for Oral Health Outcomes Research & Translation (COHORT) and Western Sydney University.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to participate in a national survey to understand the current knowledge, attitudes, and practice of dietitians regarding oral health promotion and prevention in general, and for individuals with an eating disorder.

How much of my time will I need to give?

It is anticipated that the survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete

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

It is anticipated that participants in this study may not have any direct benefit from participation. The information gathered from participation in this survey will help inform the current oral health knowledge, attitudes and practices of dietitians in Australia and provide an insight into existing resources and training.

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

It is not anticipated that there will be any risk or discomfort to participants choosing to complete the survey.

How do you intend to publish or disseminate the results?

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that the participant cannot be identified. Only aggregated survey results will be published to protect the confidentiality of participants. No personally identifiable information will be obtained from participants who complete the survey unless you choose to register your interest to participate in the phase III semi-structured interviews for dietitians who are specifically working with clients with an eating disorder.

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

No. Your data will be used as per Western Sydney University's Open Access Policy. This means that data collected from this study can be made available online and world-wide in perpetuity.

Can I withdraw from the study?

Participation is entirely voluntary and you are not obliged to be involved. After participating you be unable to withdraw your data from the study as participants will not be required to provide any personally identifiable information and hence, participants will be anonymous limiting the ability of the research team to withdraw specific participant survey responses either as a hardcopy version or online.

Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you can tell other people about the study by providing them with the Chief Investigator's contact details. They can contact the Chief Investigator to discuss their participation in the research project and obtain a copy of the information sheet and link/hardcopy of the survey.

What if I require further information?

Please contact Tiffany Patterson Norrie, PhD student, via: 17802808@student.westernsydney.edu.au Or A/Prof Ajesh George, Research Director of COHORT, via: 8738 9356 should you wish to request a hardcopy of the survey or 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 *H13316*.