



## **Participant Information Sheet – Indian immigrants (survey)**

**Project Title:** Exploring oral cancer risk behaviours of Indian immigrants in Australia

**Project Summary:** This study seeks to explore oral cancer risk behaviours of Indian immigrants (who themselves or their parents were born in India) in Australia. In addition, this study is also aimed to gain insight into current knowledge and practices of general practitioners regarding oral cancer risk in Australia.

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by Nidhi Saraswat, PhD student, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University under the supervision of A/Prof Ajesh George, A/Prof Bronwyn Everett and Rona Pillay. The research will help to gain a clear understanding of oral cancer risk-related perception and practices of Indian immigrants and general practitioners in Australia.

### **How is the study being paid for?**

This study will be funded by student funds provided by Western Sydney University to support research.

### **What will I be asked to do?**

If you agree to be involved in this project, you will be asked to complete a short, anonymous survey to help us understand Indian immigrants' knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding oral cancer risk in Australia. We would also like to collect some information about your background in the survey to relate all the participants' perceptions about oral cancer risk.

### **How much of my time will I need to give?**

If you agree to participate, this survey is expected to take no more than 20 minutes.

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

Whilst participation in the study may not directly benefit you, findings from this study may be used to inform the development of culturally-appropriate health promotion materials which can increase awareness of the risks of oral cancer in Indian immigrants in Australia.

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

The study will not involve any risk for you. However, if you feel any kind of distress during the survey you will be provided appropriate help and counselling. You can also withdraw from the survey anytime in case of discomfort.

### **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, except with your permission. Survey data is anonymous, and codes will be used to identify participants.

Findings from the study will be used as part of the Chief Investigator's thesis and may be submitted for publication and conferences, however individuals will not be identifiable. If you wish to receive information about the findings of the research study, you may provide your contact details and the Chief Investigator will provide you with a report following project completion.

### **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. If you do participate you can withdraw at any time without giving reason. Please note that the researchers will be unable to extract and delete specific information provided by a participant from the survey as this data is anonymous.

Therefore, data collected from you prior to withdrawal may not be able to be deleted and may be used for the purpose of this project.

### **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 an information sheet.

### **What if I require further information?**

Please contact Nidhi Saraswat should you wish to discuss the research further before deciding whether or not to participate.

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OR

**Click on the link to know more (online link for survey)**

### **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](mailto: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 [H13203].