



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR QUT RESEARCH PROJECT
– Interview / Focus Group –

Opinions and Beliefs on Cervical Cancer Screening

QUT Ethics Approval Number 1700000313

RESEARCH TEAM

Principal Researcher: Prof Monika Janda Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

IMAGE RELEASE INFORMATION

The purpose of this study is to review your opinions and beliefs on cervical cancer screening in Australia.

The research team is looking for females aged 18 years of age and older. We are looking for both women who regularly have pap smears, and those that choose not to participate regularly (or not at all).

PARTICIPATION

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to take part in an audio recorded focus group or individual interview relating to cervical cancer screening. We may need to contact you again should further questions arise. If you agree, please add your preferred email address to the consent form.

Example questions may include: "What are the pros and cons of PAP smears for you?" and "Did you receive the cervical cancer vaccine?"

You will also complete a brief screening questionnaire some basic demographics such as age, education level, area of residence, and whether you have a regular General Practitioner (GP).

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to complete any question(s) you are uncomfortable answering. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with QUT or with your workplace. If you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the project without comment or penalty. Any identifiable information already obtained from you will be destroyed.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

It is expected that this project will not directly benefit you. However, it may provide insight into future pathways of cervical cancer screening in Australia to help detect abnormalities earlier. The research team will provide you with a general summary of the research findings once all the data has been gathered either by post, email, or in person.

RISKS

There are minimal risks associated with your participation in this project.

However, QUT provides for limited free psychology, family therapy or counselling services (face-to-face only) for research participants of QUT projects who may experience discomfort as a result of their participation in the research. Should you wish to access this service please call the Clinic

Receptionist on **07 3138 0999** (Monday–Friday only 9am–5pm), QUT Psychology and Counselling Clinic, 44 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove, and indicate that you are a research participant.

Alternatively, you can contact the Cancer Council Helpline on **13 11 20** if you have any questions about cancer. Lifeline provides access to online, phone or face-to-face support, call **13 11 14** for 24 hour telephone crisis support.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All comments and responses will be treated confidentially unless required by law. The names of individual persons are not required in any of the responses.

Only senior members of the research team will have access to any data collected during the study period. Any data collected as part of this project will be stored securely as per QUT's Management of research data policy.

Please note that non-identifiable data collected in this project may be used as comparative data in future projects or stored on an open access database for secondary analysis.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

The return of the consent form and survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this project.

QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the researcher listed below.

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CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT

QUT is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team on 07 3138 5123 or email humanethics@qut.edu.au. The QUT Research Ethics Advisory Team is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS RESEARCH PROJECT.
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