



CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners and their role of implementing self-collection cervical screening

Participant Information for Key Informants

This is for you to keep

What is this project about?

We want to understand what roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals already play along the cervical screening pathway.

This is important because we can use this information as the basis for further discussions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals to identify barriers and facilitators within the scope of practice delivering self-collection cervical screening to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and understanding what resources or support is needed.

We are inviting **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals** involved in self-collection to yarn with us about their role. Interview sessions will be held individually and in focus groups online.

What will I have to do?

Read this information sheet and ask questions if you don't understand.

Sign the consent form to confirm that you will take part in the one or more of the following phases of the project:

- **Phase 1** - Complete a 15 - 20 min survey – including details such as your age, qualification level, and scope/duration of role.
- **Phase 2 or 3** - have a focus group or interview with researcher/s about delivering self-collection. Focus group discussions (via Zoom) will take 60 mins and individual interviews will take about 30 minutes. It might be online, over the phone, or in-person.

We will arrange a time/place convenient to health professionals if needed.

During the focus group or interview, we will record your voice with your permission. Later we will write it down exactly as you said it.

Do I have to take part in this project?

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

You can refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer.

If you start the study and decide not to finish it, you can stop taking part without explaining why. If you want, the information you shared up to that point can be deleted.

If you later decide you want your information deleted, it can only be taken out of the study if you yarn with us individually and by contacting the research team before publication occurs.

Focus group discussions cannot be taken out of the study. This is because we will not be able to tell which information is yours.

Your decision whether to participate will not impact your employment or relationship with NAATSWHIP

Who is running this project?



Lisa Whop

The project is being run by researchers at the Australian National University and University of Melbourne. **Lisa Whop**, a Torres Strait Islander researcher, is leading the project. **Claire Zammit** is a non-Indigenous researcher on the project.



Claire Zammit

How will this study help me and others?

We hope that interviewing you will help us understand how we can best support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals within their scope of practice to deliver self-collection to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Are there risks?

If you become uncomfortable while talking with us, you are free to not answer a question. You can stop taking part in the study.

What will you do with my information?

We will write down the interview word-for-word. Information that might let people know who you are (like your name) will not be included when sharing the results of the project. No one will be able to identify that that you took part in the project.

Information will remain private and will not be given to anyone outside the project. We will publish the findings in reports, academic journals, conferences, and other presentations.

Electronic data will be stored in ANU secure online cloud storage systems and hard copy data will be stored in secure locked filing cabinets. All data will be destroyed 10 years after the has concluded.

Privacy Notice

The ANU Privacy Policy can be found at https://policies.anu.edu.au/pp/document/ANUP_010007 and contains information about how you can:

- Have access or seek correction to your personal information,
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle (APP) by ANU and how ANU will handle the complaint.

Who has approved this project?

- National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP)
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Research Ethics Committee
- Australian National University Human Research Ethics Committee

What if I have a complaint?

You can contact:

Australian National University
Human Ethics Manager:
human.ethics.officer@anu.edu.au
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National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners
info@naatsihwp.org.au
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The University of Melbourne
HumanEthics-Enquiries@unimelb.edu.au

AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee
ethics@aiatsis.gov.au
Reference no. REC-0083

Who is funding the project?

This project is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). They will not have access to the information we collect.

How can I find out more?

Contact: Claire Zammit, Project Manager claire.zammit@unimelb.edu.au | 03 9035 5771



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Consent Form for Key Informants Please Return

By signing this consent form, I am showing that I understand:

- The Participant Information Sheet and the information about the project.
- That I must sign below to confirm that I will participate.
- That I will take part in a discussion about self-collection.
- That my voice will be recorded and written down for analysis.
- That any information I provide will remain confidential and will not be identifiable.
- That the interview will take up to 30 minutes or 60 minutes (focus group).
- That I am free to withdraw (this means I can say NO) at any time.
- That I will have the option to withdraw my data should I decide not to finish the study.
- That after completing the study my data can be withdrawn if I take part in an individual interview by contacting the researchers but cannot be withdrawn if I take part in the focus group. After publication of findings, withdrawal is not possible.
- That if I need further information about the research, I can contact the researchers using the contact details provided on the Information Sheet
- That the ownership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and cultural heritage is retained by the informant, and this will be acknowledged in research findings and in the dissemination of the research.

That I can make a complaint about the study to the Australian National University Human Ethics or the Manager or the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Research Ethics Committee and their contact details are provided on the Information Sheet

Name of Key Informant: _____

Circle one

YES	I consent to participate in Phase 1 of this study – Online Cross Section Survey
YES	I consent to participate in Phase 2 of this study – Focus Group Discussion
YES	I consent to participate in Phase 3 of this study – Individual Interview
NO	I do not consent to participate in the study at all

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Name of Interpreter: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Researcher as Witness: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____