

Plain Language Statement – Yarning Session

Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Project: Thrive 25 - Towards better uptake of cancer prevention in young people



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Additional researchers listed at end of information sheet

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. The following few pages will provide you with further information about the project, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research.

Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Your participation is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time.

What is this research about?

There are many ways to prevent cancer. Australia is fortunate to have in place dedicated programs to help do this. This research aims to find out from young people what they know and think about some of these programs, whether they think they are relevant or important to them and other young people like them and whether they have or plan to take part in them. We are interested in finding out what sort of information about these programs young people would like to receive and how.

What will I be asked to do?

Should you agree to participate you will take part in a 1–2-hour yarning session with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in your age group. The yarning session will be arranged at a time that is suitable for you and will be conducted via Zoom or in person. This discussion will be recorded and transcribed.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people will facilitate the yarning circle. The purpose of this yarning session is to discuss:

- What you know and think about cancer prevention activities that you may or may not take part in.
- Reasons why you have participated or intend to participate or not.
- Ideas about what information, key messages and resources (including the presentation format/communication method) would be helpful to inform your decision-making about these cancer prevention activities.
- Some existing resources and seek your feedback on how they are presented.

You do not have to answer all the questions during the discussion. You can choose to decline answering any questions you are not comfortable with and still be involved.

What are the possible benefits?

If you agree to participate, and attend a yarnning session you will receive a \$60 voucher as reimbursement for your time. This research will help to understand what young people think about some types of cancer prevention activities. This research will also help to find new ways to promote awareness and understanding about these activities to other young people. This is important as participating in these activities can prevent the development of certain types of cancer.

What are the possible risks?

We don't anticipate any physical harm from participating in this research. Because we are talking to a small group of people there is a chance that someone's responses may be identifiable when we share our findings. To try to prevent that, we will carefully remove any details that could identify you. Only approved members of the research team, the project supervisor and additional researchers listed below will have access to the data.

Some of the questions or topics that the researchers raise, may bring up experiences or issues that you may find uncomfortable or distressing. Participation is voluntary.

If the questions we ask you, or topics we discuss, affect you emotionally, and you become upset or uncomfortable, you can finish or postpone. If you would like to talk to someone about how you are feeling, you can contact your doctor. You can also contact:

- 13YARN
 - Telephone (24/7):13 92 76 | Talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
- Cancer Council Helpline: 13 11 20

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation is completely voluntary. You are able to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.

Will I hear about the results of this project?

You will have the option to receive a summary of findings from this research project. In addition, the findings may be published in academic journals and in presentations.

What will happen to information about me?

We take your privacy and confidentiality very seriously. All data for this project will be stored securely on the University of Melbourne SharePoint drives. You will be assigned a study ID and identifying participant information will be stored separately from

transcripts and other data. For writing out (transcribing) the audio-recording of interviews, we may make use of the services of Otter.ai, a company that uses automated software rather than human transcribers or Digital and Audio Transcription Services (DAATS), a private transcription company based in Australia. Information captured in your interview recording will be subject to Otter.ai's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Otter.ai stores and processes information overseas. The researchers will ensure that the Otter.ai service will not retain any data related to this project.

All digital files and transcripts are stored via DAATS secure server. Servers are based in Sydney; Australia and all communications are encrypted using 128-bit SSL to ensure data is completely safe. To protect sensitive academic content, DAATS use measures that include secure file transfer protocols, encryption, non-disclosure agreements, and restricted access to transcription files.

Transcripts will be checked, and any identifying information will be removed prior to storage and data analysis.

In accordance with ethics guidelines, we will keep everything in the project for 5 years. After this time, all the data that you have provided will be destroyed. Any reports, publications or presentations about this research will include only de-identified data to ensure that your privacy is protected.

Who is funding this project?

This research is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC).

Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project, please contact the researchers; Julia Brotherton, Email: jbrotherton@unimelb.edu.au or Kristy Meiselbach, Email: Kristy.Meiselbach@unimelb.edu.au

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This project has human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne [Project ID Number: 28647]. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Research Integrity Administrator, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 3 8344 1376 or Email: research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team and/or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.

Additional Researchers:

- Prof Jon Emery, Professor of Primary Care Cancer Research, University of Melbourne
- Prof Rachel Skinner, Conjoint Professor and Senior Staff Specialist, University of Sydney
- A/Prof Lisa Whop, Senior Research Fellow, Australian National University
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