



The Respiratory Medicine & Clinical Practice Unit

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Dear Sir/Madam,

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT ON IDENTIFYING RISK FACTORS FOR ASTHMA-RELATED HOSPITALISATION

Project Title: Reducing asthma-related hospitalisations and mortality in South Australia

The Respiratory Medicine and Clinical Practice Unit Research Team at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital are looking into the reasons why South Australia has more asthma-related hospitalisations than other states, particularly New South Wales and Queensland. As such, we are conducting a research project, under Ms Zoe Kopsaftis and Dr Antony Veale, to investigate potential reasons for this, and would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this study. Your assistance with this project will help improve your asthma management and motivate real change in asthma care for all Australians.

Attached to this invitation are a Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form that will provide further information on this research project. If you decide to consent to participate, we will access your medical records to collect information relating to your asthma. The researchers will not access any of your contact details or medical information unless consent is given. Following consent and collection of data from medical records, a telephone interview will be arranged with you at a time of your convenience. The interview may last up to 1 hour. During this interview, you will be asked about how you currently manage your asthma, what is done if there are flare-ups in symptoms, if you visited a hospital for your asthma, and some details about the time you spent in hospital. We will collect some personal data from you such as your age, household income, asthma history and medications, but we will not be conducting any measurements or tests (e.g. no blood tests).

All information will be kept private and confidential. You will be given an identifying number and no identifiable personal information about you will be used in a publication or presentation. Participation in this research is completely voluntary and you may choose to withdraw from the research at any time. This will not have any effect on your current or future care, or relationships with Grow Medical health professionals.



If you would like more information, please either contact a member of our research team below or return the slip below in the enclosed reply paid envelope. If you are comfortable consenting to participate in this project after reading through the information sheet attached, you may sign and return the enclosed consent form using the provided reply paid envelope. Upon receipt, one of our research team will be in contact with you.

If you have any questions about the research, please feel free to contact a member of the research team:

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Kind Regards,

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On behalf of

The Research Team
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I would like more information

If you wish to hear more about this research project from our research team, please tick the box below and return to us using the reply paid envelope.

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Name: _____

Contact: _____

I may be interested in participating in this study but would like to speak to a member of the research team to hear a bit more information first.

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