

Participant Information Statement



How do General Practitioners address long term effects of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment in their everyday practice with breast cancer survivors?

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1. What is this study about?

We're conducting a research study on the perceptions and practices of general practitioners (GPs) on the delivery of services for female breast cancer survivors with long term effects of diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer. The overall aim of the study is to determine the current practice of general practitioners (GPs) regarding breast cancer survivors. It is hoped that findings will inform future viable delivery of services to support breast cancer survivors. Taking part is optional.

Please read this sheet and ask about things that aren't clear or you want to know more about.

2. Who is running the study?

The researchers conducting this study are:

- Professor Lynette Mackenzie, School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney.
- Professor Meredith Makeham, School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney.
- Associate Professor Zakia Hossain, School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney.

3. Who can take part in the study?

We are seeking participation from any GP currently working across Australia.

You have been invited to participate in this study because you are a GP contactable through the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) or other networks such as PHNs.

You may forward the survey link on to any eligible colleagues.

4. What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to answer an online survey which should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Questions will be asked about your demographic background, your experience of supporting women with breast cancer, and your understanding of other allied health services that are available to support women with breast cancer.

5. Can I withdraw once I've started?

Participating in this study is optional and you do not have to take part. Your decision will have no impact on your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

By submitting your survey, you are consenting to participate part in the study. You have the option to withdraw any time before submitting. Once your responses are submitted, we won't be able to tell which one is yours. This means you cannot withdraw after submitting the survey.

6. Are there any risks or costs?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with participating in this study.

7. Are there any benefits?

There are no direct benefits for you as a participant in this study. However, we can anticipate potential benefits for the future of GP practice and the support of breast cancer survivors.

8. What will happen to information that is collected?

By giving your consent, you agree to us gathering anonymous information about you for this study.

Any information you share us will be securely stored. We plan to publish the findings of this study. You will not be identifiable in these publications. Survey responses will be coded and downloaded to a statistical program for analysis.

Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. A de-identified set of the data collected in this study may be made available for use in future research as appropriate.

9. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to hear the results of this study. We will offer a summary of the research findings to the PHN newsletter on completion of the study and will submit the study for publication.

10. What if I would like further information?

After reading this information, the researcher will be available to have further discussions with you and answer any questions you may have:

- Professor Lynette Mackenzie, Email: Lynette.Mackenzie@sydney.edu.au
Telephone 0422 583258.

11. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney 2024/HE000114 in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*.

If you have any concerns about the study's procedures or would like to make a complaint to someone not involved in the study, please contact the University:

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