

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clinicians Working in Acute TBI Care

Project ID: 19805

Project title: Understanding the Management of Patients in the Early Stage of Recovery after TBI

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

What does the research involve?

The aim of this study is to better understand the current practices of clinicians worldwide in the assessment and management of patients in the acute stage of recovery following traumatic brain injury (TBI). You, along with other experienced clinicians, will receive an invitation to complete an anonymous online survey, which relates to your management of patients in the acute recovery period following TBI. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will have the option to participate in a follow-up interview via teleconference. The interview relates to your management of agitation in patients with TBI and will take approximately 45 minutes. There is no obligation to complete the interview once you have completed the online survey.

Why were you chosen for this research?

You have been invited to take part in this research because you have been identified as a clinician with experience working in acute TBI care. Your details were obtained either from previous contact you have had with the Chief Investigator of this project or from a public domain source that identified you as a clinician working with patients who have sustained a TBI. Alternatively, you may be participating in this research because you have responded to an advertisement about the research via social media platforms

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

By completing the online consent form at the commencement of the online survey you indicate for your survey responses to be used for research purposes. By completing the separate online consent form at the conclusion of the online survey, you consent to participate in the follow-up interview and for your interview responses to be used for research purposes. If you choose not to participate in this research, or decide to withdraw later from the study, there will be no adverse consequences. You may withdraw from this research at any time, even after completion of the online survey or follow-up interview, and any information you have provided will be destroyed.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

There are no direct benefits of participation, however, you would be contributing to a greater understanding of how clinicians assess and manage patients in the acute stage of recovery following TBI. These findings may better guide and inform you, and other clinicians worldwide, in the management of patients with TBI. There is no risk anticipated

as a result of your participation in either the online survey or the follow-up interview, with the only inconvenience being the time taken to complete the survey (approx. 15 minutes) and interview (approx. 45 min).

Payment

If you choose to participate in the 45-minute interview upon completion of the online survey, you will receive a voucher equivalent to \$25 USD to compensate you for your time. The voucher will be emailed directly to you upon completion of the interview.

Confidentiality

No personal details will be collected during the online survey component of the research study. There will be an option to provide your contact details at the conclusion of the survey if you are interested in participating in a follow-up interview via teleconference, however, the contact details you provide will not be linked to your survey responses in any way. The audio of the interview will be recorded for the purposes of transcription; however, only aggregated, de-identified data will be used in the dissemination of the results of this research, which may include conference presentations and publications.

The online survey will be administered via the Qualtrics platform. Any information collected via Qualtrics will be transferred to Monash servers at the conclusion of the survey period and all data will be permanently deleted from the Qualtrics platform. Please see the [Qualtrics Privacy Statement](#) for further information. The audio of the interview will be transcribed by Transcription Australia. Any information collected by this service is held on secure servers and will be permanently deleted within 30 days of transfer to Monash servers. Please see the [Transcription Australia Privacy Policy](#) for further information.

Storage of data

The data will be stored in locked filing cabinets and on secure servers at Monash University, and only the investigators will have access to the data. The data files will be destroyed after 5 years.

Results

If you are interested in the findings of the study, please contact the investigators directly and you will be sent a summary of the results at the conclusion of the research project. The de-identified data collected in this study will form the basis of a PhD thesis, and it is intended that the results will be disseminated via publications and conferences.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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Thank you,

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