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Primary care clinicians' views on breast density: a qualitative interview study

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is the study about?

You are invited to participate in a study that examines primary care clinicians' knowledge and understanding of breast density, and their perspectives around messaging, information and notification of breast density in Australia.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being conducted by a team of researchers and clinicians. The team members are Dr Brooke Nickel, Ms Hankiz Dolan, Dr Jolyn Hersch, Professor Kirsten McCaffery (all from the School of Public Health at The University of Sydney), Professor Nehmat Houssami (Royal Hospital for Women), A/Prof Meagan Brennan (Westmead Breast Cancer Institute), Professor Stacy Carter (The University of Wollongong), and Dr Alia Kaderbhai (The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners). Brooke Nickel is leading the study.

(3) What will the study involve for me?

The study will be conducted as an individual semi-structured telephone interview which will take place at a time that is convenient for you. All interviews will be audio-recorded and later transcribed (typed out). Participants will be asked to discuss their experiences, thoughts and opinions.

(4) How much time will the study take?

The study involves one interview which will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

(5) Who can take part in the study?

Any primary care clinicians (general practitioner (GP) or practice nurse) who currently works in Australia or New Zealand, are eligible to take part in the study. Participants must speak adequate English to be eligible.

(6) Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I've started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind later, you are free to withdraw at any time. You can do this by informing study researchers via telephone on (02) 9351 7829 or via email brooke.nickel@sydney.edu.au. There is no penalty for withdrawing from the study.

You are free to stop the interview at any time. Unless you say that you want us to keep them, any recordings will be erased and the information you have provided will not be included in the study results. You may also refuse to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer during the interview.

(7) Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?

There are no risks involved if you participate in this study.

Aside from giving up your time for the interview, we do not expect that there will be any costs associated with taking part in this study. We will offer participating primary care clinicians' a \$100 gift voucher as an incentive to volunteer their time to participate in the study.

(8) Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?

We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from the study. However, our experience in similar work has shown that many participants value the opportunity to have a positive effect on the care of future patients.

(9) What will happen to the information about me that is collected during the study?

By agreeing to participate you are providing your consent and you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about you for the purposes of this research study. Your information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement, unless you consent otherwise.

Your information will be stored securely and your identity will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings will be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

(10) Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you are welcome to tell other people about the study.

(11) What if I would like further information about the study?

When you have read this information, Dr Brooke Nickel will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Dr Brooke Nickel on (02) 9351 7829 or brooke.nickel@sydney.edu.au

(12) Will I be told the results of the study?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study if you wish. You will be asked on the consent form whether or not you wish to receive such feedback. This feedback will be in the form of a one page lay summary of the research results, which you will receive after the study is finished and all analyses completed.

(13) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

Research involving humans in Australia is reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the HREC of the University of Sydney. As part of this process, we have agreed to carry out the study according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*. This statement has been developed to protect people who agree to take part in research studies.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the university using the details outlined below. Please quote the study title and protocol number 2020/161.

The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney:

- **Telephone:** +61 2 8627 8176
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