Call for Participants …

Research: OCEAN General Practice Nurse (GPN) Beta test and evaluation

The University of Sydney and University of Wollongong are seeking 30 general practice nurses (GPN) to participate in the validation of a new data collection method involving a cloud-based electronic interface called OCEAN (Occasions of Care Explained And Analysed).

What is the study about? Currently, there is no comprehensive data collection instrument that gathers information about the problems that present to, or are managed by, Australian nurses in the primary care/community setting. Therefore, there is no reliable information on the practice activity of these nurses. To inform workforce planning, educational offerings, models of care and clinical policy, baseline and ongoing data about nursing work is essential. The OCEAN tool has been created to address this gap and provide unique data about the contribution of nurses in the primary care/community setting.

What would you have to do? We are asking for volunteers who are currently employed as a nurse in a general practice to test the functionality and usability of the OCEAN tool. You will be asked to participate in a Zoom teleconference with a project officer who is an experienced nurse. During this session you will be asked to complete an electronic form (the OCEAN tool) for up to 3 hypothetical patient visits, recording data about the patient, their problems and the treatment provided. The information will be drawn from the scenario provided. We will then ask for your feedback about the functionality and usability of the OCEAN tool verbally and in a short survey. We will record the session (recording the data entry screen only) so that you can ask questions, and offer comments, during the recording process. The session will take approximately 60-90 minutes to complete.

Who is running the study? The study is being carried out by the following researchers:
At the University of Sydney -

- Dr Christopher Harrison, Director of MD Population Health Theme, Sydney School of Public Health
- Prof Sue Randall, Professor of Nursing (Rural & Remote/Primary Health Care), Department of Rural Health
- Dr Julie Gordon, Research Fellow, Sydney School of Health Sciences
- Dr Joan Henderson, Senior Research Fellow (Hon), Sydney School of Public Health
- A/Prof Melissa Kang, Clinical School of General Practice, Sydney Medical School
- A/Prof Shailendra Sawleshwarkar, Clinical Academic, Sydney Medical School
- Prof Richard Madden, Sydney School of Health Sciences
- Mr Yang Lu, Project Officer, Sydney School of Public Health

At the University of Wollongong -

- Prof Elizabeth Halcomb, Professor of Primary Health Care Nursing, School of Nursing
- Ms Ruth Mursa, Project Officer, School of Nursing
- Ms Catherine Stephen, PhD Candidate, School of Nursing

The project is also supported by Ms Lisa Collison, Program Manager – Nursing in Primary Health Care and Nursing Support, Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA).

What are the costs and benefits? Other than your time to participate, there are no costs to participate. Once you have completed the session and feedback survey, in return for your time, you will be offered a $50 gift card for your participation.

If you are willing to help us and share your expertise, please register your interest using this link

https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/

Then enter this code: **MEY783LEF**

Or Scan the QR Code

If you would like further information, please contact Dr Chris Harrison on ocean.study@Sydney.edu.au

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We would greatly appreciate your involvement.