

EXPLANATORY RESEARCH STATEMENT

EVALUATING CLINICAL SUPERVISION EDUCATION AND TOOLS

Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this project.

This project is funded by General Practice Supervision Australia (GPSA), and led by GPSA and Monash University. Ethics approval was granted by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (#39451).

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What does the research involve? This project involves participating in a brief pre-education evaluation survey, a clinical supervision educational initiative for those involved in GP training (such as an evening webinar addressing aspects of clinical supervision, demonstration of a clinical supervision tool, and in-practice teaching) and a post-education evaluation survey. Participation in the clinical supervision initiative is voluntary and does not require participation in the surveys, which are also voluntary. All responses are anonymous.

Why were you chosen for this project? You have been invited to participate as someone involved in GP training who registered to attend a GPSA webinar about novel approaches to clinical supervision.

Possible benefits and risks to participants. The study will provide important information to assist the development of tailored education strategies and resources for those involved in GP training. Participation in clinical supervision initiatives and/or evaluation surveys may cause discomfort. If you feel distressed, please speak to a friend, family member or your GP, or call Lifeline (13 11 14).

Incentive to participate. Participation in the study is eligible for CPD.

Results. Study results will be made available on the GPSA website and will inform the development of GP education and training resources. Resultant research will be presented at conferences and submitted for peer-reviewed journal publication.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research. Consent to participate in the project will be assumed by your completing and submitting the survey/s online via SurveyMonkey. You have the right to withdraw from further participation at any stage, however it will not be possible to withdraw past responses.

Confidentiality. Data will be collected anonymously using SurveyMonkey and transferred to the research team over a secure HTTPS connection. Contact details for post-education surveys will be collected separately following the pre-education survey data. Pre and post survey data will be linked via a participant generated unique code. Contact details for CPD will be collected separately following the post-education survey, which will not be linked to survey data. Aggregate, anonymous survey data will be published via peer-reviewed papers and GPSA reports.

Storage of data. Data related to this research will only be available to project team members. Electronic data files will be password-protected, retained for a minimum of five years and destroyed according to Monash University guidelines when no longer required.

Complaints. Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, please contact:

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Thank you



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