



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Demystifying the role of the ED Clinical Nurse Specialist

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You are invited to take part in this study.

If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. Participation in this research is voluntary.

This Participant Information Sheet tells you about the research project. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research.

Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If anything remains unclear or you would like more information, please contact one of the researchers listed above.

What does the research involve?

This research project hopes to generate national agreement on how the emergency clinical nurse specialist (CNS) role should be defined and function in Australian emergency departments (ED).

Participation in this research involves the completion of three web based surveys, using SurveyMonkey.

To complete the first survey, simply click the link provided or copy it into your internet browser.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ED_CNS

The results of this first survey will be analysed, before the second survey is developed.

The findings of each survey will be sent to you along with a new link to the next survey.

This will repeat until the three rounds are complete.

For your convenience, each survey round will be open for a period of three weeks, allowing you to complete the questions at a time, place and pace suitable to you.

There will be a two week break between survey rounds, allowing for analysis of results and survey development.

Why were you chosen for this research?

You were invited to take part in this research project because of your knowledge pertaining to emergency nursing practice and the provision of emergency care. You have been identified through your membership with the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA).

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

If you decide to participate in this research, please follow the survey link above, and complete the survey. By completing the survey, you are informing us that:

- You understand all the information contained in this Participant Information Sheet.
- You consent to take part in this research, accepting all associated risks.

You may choose to decline or withdraw participation at any point, without explanation. However, due to the de-identification of data we are unable to extract or destroy any data that has already been submitted.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

This study intends to define the role and function of the emergency CNS. Standardisation of the CNS role in emergency nursing may increase job efficiency and satisfaction, and improve the mobility of the emergency nursing workforce.

There are no perceived risks to participating in this study.

Confidentiality

We value your anonymity and confidentiality.

Consequently we have limited the amount of data collected that can be used to identify you, however, some demographic data is required in order to provide context to the findings. The responses provided in the surveys will be de-identified through the survey software, and the results will be aggregated by the researchers during the data analysis.

The data collected will be used to develop a university thesis.

Storage of data

Data is collected using Survey Monkey software. Once extracted from Survey Monkey, data will be stored as per Monash University's data management guidelines. Secure password protected servers will be used to store the encrypted data for a minimum of 5 years from completion of the study, before the data is subsequently destroyed.

Results

As previously stated, the interim survey results will be provided to participants one week after the closure of each survey round, providing participants with insight into the answers provided by their peers. These data will be analysed and discussed in more detail as part of a Monash University Thesis, and as such intended to be shared with the emergency nursing community through relevant peer reviewed journals and emergency care 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 (MUHREC):

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Thank you,



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