

Supplementary Material 2 –Focus Group Discussion Guide

Welcome and consent

Thank you all for agreeing to participate in this focus group interview. During the interviews I will be asking you some information about yourselves, this is to help me categorise your responses but will not be used to identify you. Please be advised that although the investigator/s will take every precaution to maintain confidentiality of the data, the nature of focus groups prevents the researchers from guaranteeing confidentiality. The researchers would like to remind participants to respect the privacy of your fellow participants and not repeat what is said in the focus group to others.

The focus of the discussion will be around your personal kidney transplant experience, and your opinions and attitudes regarding specific aspects of the process. If there are any questions you don't want to answer or topics you don't want to talk about, please let me know at any time during the discussion.

The discussion will be audio recorded to enable accurate transcription of your responses. Do you give consent for the focus group interview to proceed?

Demographic data collection (short responses)

What type of kidney transplant did you receive (deceased donor or living donor)?

How long had you been on dialysis for prior to receiving your kidney transplant?

Prior to starting on dialysis, where were you living (please provide name of town and post code)?

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Introduction

1. Describe the start of your kidney transplant journey.
 - a. How did you come to be referred for a transplant?*
 - b. How long after you started dialysis did the option of transplant first get discussed?*
 - c. Was the first conversation with the doctor about kidney transplant initiated by the doctor or by you/your family?*
2. What do you think about the option of receiving a kidney transplant from a living donor?
 - a. Does your opinion change if the donor is related vs unrelated?*
 - b. Was this an option that was discussed / offered to you by the doctors?*

Transplantation experience

3. Tell me about your experience of the testing and appointments you had before you received your kidney transplant.
 - a. What were the main barriers/challenges/issues (delays) you experienced?*
 - b. What information and education did you receive during this time?*
4. Can you describe your experience after you received the kidney transplant?

- a. Were things like transport, accommodation, financial stress, time taken off work, social/family support an issue for you?*
 - b. How did these issues impact you and/or your family?*
- 5. Tell me about your experience with the kidney transplant medications.
 - a. Did you receive education from a pharmacist regarding the medications prior to receiving your transplant?*
 - b. Have you experienced any issues related to the medications (e.g., too many tablets to take, side effects, financial cost, supply issues)?*

Identifying areas for improvement

- 6. Tell me 3 things that were good / you liked about your transplant experience and 3 things that were bad / you didn't like.
 - a. How did these things impact you and/or your family?*
- 7. If you could go back and change one thing about your kidney transplant experience, what would it be and why?
 - a. What could be done better or differently by the health professionals involved in the kidney transplant process?*

Summary and conclusion

- 8. Is there anything else you would like to mention or discuss in relation to what we have talked about here today?