

Consent Form

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Project:

Development of a “core set” of outcome measures for spasticity trials and clinical practice

Phase 1: Semi Structured Interviews

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Name of Participant:

1. I consent to participate in this project, the details of which have been explained to me, and I have been provided with a written plain language statement to keep.
2. I understand that the purpose of this research is to develop an international consensus-based set of outcome measures to be used for the evaluation of spasticity treatment in both research trials and clinical practice.
3. I understand that my participation in this project is for research purposes only.
4. I acknowledge that the possible effects of participating in this research project have been explained to my satisfaction.
5. In this project (Part 1: semi-structured interviews), I will be required to complete an online interview via zoom, with a member of the research team. This interview will last approximately 45-60 minutes. During the interview, I will be asked to identify different aspects of spasticity assessment and treatment that are important to me (for example, pain, walking, arm movement or quality of life)
6. I understand that my interview will be audio recorded and transcribed into text using the Zoom audio transcription function. The transcripts will be

independently reviewed by two members of the research team to ensure accuracy. Additionally, I will have the opportunity to review the transcript and amend my responses, as required. Only the research team will have access to the password protected transcripts, and participants will be provided with a participant number and de-identified within the transcripts in order to maximise privacy.

7. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from this project anytime without explanation or prejudice. I understand that if I withdraw from the study my processed data up to the point of withdrawal may have already been used in the analysis. I will be able to request the withdrawal of any unprocessed data.
8. I understand that the data from this research will be stored at the University of Melbourne and will be destroyed 5 years after publication.
9. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements; my data will be password protected and accessible only by the named researchers.
10. I understand that after I sign and return this consent form, it will be retained by the researcher.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____